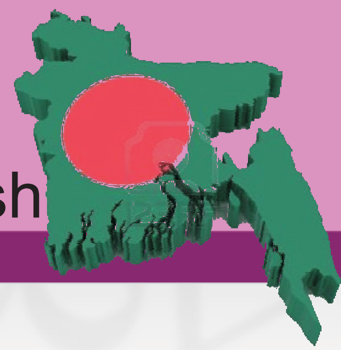
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End of Democracy, Rise of the Khilafah

3 March 1924 is the Day of the Fall of the Khilafah, a state for all Muslims and Islam's method for the complete implementation of Islam. Today, after decades of dictatorship and democracy, the Muslims have come back full circle. The Muslim World resounds with the call for Islam, Shar'ah and Khilafah, from Tunisia and Egypt through to Syria and Yemen and beyond to Indonesia and Bangladesh. The entire Ummah has turned its back upon man-made rule and demands rule by the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of RasulAllah.

And Pakistan is no exception. Throughout Pakistan, there is talk of revolution and change, in the houses, offices, factories, streets and public places, amongst the elite and the masses. The Muslims are enraged at the oppressor rulers for their numerous crimes against Islam and Muslims. Tens of millions of Muslims, within the flood hit areas and outside of them, are denied their basic economic needs because of the rulers' implementation of the exploitative capitalist economic system, despite the immense resources of Pakistan, including coal, gold and copper and despite the fact that their deen, Islam, has an economic system that for over a millennium was the admiration of the world. Despite Pakistan having the world's seventh largest armed forces, the Muslims are plunged into insecurity through the oppressor rulers' giving America a free hand within Pakistan, with bombings in the public places organized by American private military organizations and US drone attacks collapsing the house on the heads of the Muslims in the tribal areas. And despite the Muslims adhering and sacrificing for Islam over centuries, the rulers are undermining the noble Islamic values by allowing the colonialist institutions to defile the education syllabus, under the banner of education reform, and Western companies to propagate their filthy culture, under the banner of marketing and cultural festivals.

Pakistan's current capitalist system, implemented by democracy and dictatorship, one after the other, is only here to serve the kaafir colonialists and their agents. For over half a century, the Westerner installs rulers who implement kufr and the Muslims despise them. When the Muslims' hatred reaches their throats and spills over into a strong public opinion, obstructing the agent ruler from implementing the will of his masters, the kuffar colonialists become active to release the pressure on the system by dumping their agent and installing a new agent, whether by elections or coup. And each shameless agent knows that it is his job to blame the previous ruler for as long as he can and then make room for the next when he is exposed. This is how Musharraf came and went, how Zardari came and how he may go and so on.

Only in the Khilafah will there be real change. Regarding the elected Khaleefah and the elected representatives of the consultative assembly, the Majlis-e-Ummah, they will not be able to serve the colonialists. Islam prevents the hostile kafir enemy from having any contact with the armed forces and political parties. Islam denies the enemy state diplomatic, military or intelligence contact with every and any ruler, politician, bureaucrat, journalist or military officer with the Muslims. Only the Khaleefah himself will deal with the enemy and that too on a war footing, denying any assistance that strengthens the enemy and challenging his tyranny wherever it appears.

The Khaleefah, the Executives Assistants, Walis and the Judges are all bound to Islam and based exclusively on its sources, the Quran and Sunnah. It is from these divine sources that Hizb ut-Tahrir has derived a complete constitution for the Khilafah, with every single article accompanied with divine texts and accompanied by a library of books of rules to assist implementation and accounting of the rulers. Thus within hours of assuming the rule in Pakistan, the Khaleefah will begin the transformation of this powerful country, with abundant resources, a brave and creative people, into a leading world power and a beacon of justice for all of humankind, as the Khilafah was for centuries.

This 3 March 2012, the Khilafah is well within our reach by the grace of Allah so let us rush to embrace our brothers and sisters of Hizb ut-Tahrir and march with them towards the re-establishment of the Khilafah according to the method of Prophethood. Let us gather the people in the mosques, markets, in the neighbourhoods and homes to build a massive movement for Khilafah. And let us call our fathers, brothers, sons, uncles and husbands in Pakistan's armed forces to fulfil their obligation to Allah and grant the Nussrah (Material Support) for the re-establishment of the Khilafah, which will end the rule of the oppressors and usher in a new era of peace, justice and prosperity for humankind.

How the United States, through its tool the Arab League, grants reprieve to the Syrian regime to kill even more before a new alternative emerges!

The Arab League today, Wednesday, 2 November, 2011 issued another resolution, under its initiative in Syria, granting the Syrian regime a two week reprieve to kill and oppress people, to bomb life and property, without any fear of either Allah , or His Messenger or the believers, and with complete disregard for any humanitarian emotion that is held dearly by any wise human being! The United States praised the resolution even before it was issued, which means that it was aware that such a resolution would be issued! On 1 November, 2011, when Jay Carney, the US White House spokesman was asked about the Arab League initiative on Syria, he stated, "We welcome efforts by the international community to convince the Assad regime to cease the kind of violent acts that it's been perpetrating on its own people."

The Arab League released its resolution, containing decorative rhetoric. It said, "[It calls for] ceasing all acts of violence from any source", as if the vulnerable and defenseless people were armed with guns, missiles, armored tanks and planes! The resolution goes on further to demand, "clearing the cities of any armed cache", but fails to name the armed forces, so that they return to their task of protecting the land and its people. It does not name the regime and its various tools, the spying agencies either! This is designed to give the impression that there are various other armed groups! The third blunder in the resolution is that after all of this, it still wants dialogue to take place with the very same regime that has killed thousands and injured tens of thousands!

This reprieve of two weeks is in addition to another two week which the Arab League had allowed the Syrian regime under its earlier resolution dated 16 October, 2011, which was preceded by the visit of the Arab League Secretary General, Nabeel al-Arabi, to the Syrian regime on 9 September, 2011 so as to support and bolster the regime! All these are merely part of a consistent plan which will yield nothing less than more killings by the regime under the cover of the Arab League initiative!

Indeed, the latest resolution of the Arab League is doomed to fail, since it is crafted loftily but its implementation is sterile and weak-kneed. It only allows the regime and its henchmen further reprieve to indulge in bloody killings, beyond what it already has. At the same time, the figure-heads in the Arab League neither see the pure and innocent blood being spilled nor hear the cries for help from the children, the women and the elderly, nor do they stand up to the oppressor and state the truth, they are like,

﴿صُمٌّ بُكْمٌ عُمْىٌ فَهُمْ لاَ يَعْقِلُونَ﴾

"They are deaf, dumb, and blind, so they do not understand." [Surah al-Baqarah 2:171]

O People of Syria!

O Muslims!

The reality of the situation in Syria is that the United States has sponsored and nurtured the regime since its beginning. It has prepared and enabled the regime to secure peace for the Jewish state, for the past four decades, to achieve interests of the US in Lebanon and Iraq etc, and to cheat its people with loud but hollow assurances of protecting them! Jewish aircrafts have flown over the palace of the head of the regime, without being prevented and have bombed sensitive places, but the regime has responded only with indifference, yet when it comes to confronting its own people, the regime roars like a lion, whilst in war, it simply buries it head like an ostrich!

Indeed the US has become aware that this man is about to fall from power, but it is scared of the peoples revolution and the proclamations from the mosques which instill terror in the hearts of the kafir colonialists… it is afraid that all this may usher in the truthful rule, sincere to Allah and His Prophet, which is why the US is allowing more time for the regime to die slowly, so that it can find and prepare an alternative from among its loyalists, whose faces are less tainted than its current agent Bashar…

This explains why this American resolution has been issued through the Arab League, which has

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Imran Khan's Dramatic rise in Popularity

Question;
Recently, Imran Khan held one of the largest political rallies in Karachi, following a large rally that he held in Lahore. He has called for early elections and many people are now speculating that he will be the next leader of the country. He has also started to make statements about the Khilafah system. In the light of this, please can you elaborate, whether there is a foreign hand behind Imran Khan's dramatic rise in popularity and why is he supporting the concept of the Khilafah state.

To answer this question it is important to consider the following points:

1. It is well known that the real political power brokers in Pakistani politics are not the politicians, but the army. The Chief of Army Staff (COAS) works in collaboration with America to rig elections, establish and dismiss civilian governments and also to decide the fate of any politician wishing to assume civilian leadership of the country. On the latter point, it was Musharraf, in collusion with America that brokered a deal with Benazir's British handlers and allowed her to return in May 2007, after a period in exile, to contest Pakistan's general elections in 2008. However, she overstepped her mark and was assassinated by the military establishment acting under American auspices.
In the last decade, Musharraf discharged the role of a power broker very well for America. He was eventually removed from power, as America struggled to contain the intense opposition against his rule. Now the responsibility to manage Pakistan's political system resides with Kayani and his entourage (which includes the ISI Chief, Ahmad Shuja Pasha, amongst other advisors). Imran Khan fully acknowledges this point. On the 14th of November 2011, the Pakistani English newspaper, The Daily Times, reported that Imran Khan said, "The ISI is calling the shots…The government lacks the moral courage, which has been giving the space to ISI to assert its powers in various affairs of the country." Hence, Imran Khan is aware that for him to possess any chance of assuming leadership of the country, he must work with the army, behind the scenes to forge a deal, that is acceptable to America.

2. The present government of Pakistan consists of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and her coalition allies. The PPP under the leadership of Asif Ali Zardari is a government dedicated to serving American interests in Pakistan and in the broader region. Zardari was brought under US influence by Khalilzad, who provided Zardari with regular political advice, and he was eventually made President in 2008.

3. Zardari understands the power of the army in controlling the country and he is aware of the strong relationship of Kayani and his entourage with America. He tries his best to provide services to America to reassure them, to avoid his removal through the army ... Therefore he is doing his best to be closer to the United States to gain her support. Therefore, America experienced that both men vied with each other to please America. Previously, the two roles were performed by Musharraf and provided America with a degree of stability in shaping and executing policy.

4. Zardari has a weak personality often relying on his wife's political personality to gain credibility and confidence amongst his peers and the Pakistani people. Even to this day, Zardari is unable to exert his presidential leadership and credentials. He spends most of his time in his fortified presidential palace, unable or unwilling to venture out and build rapport with the people. Zardari's slow response to the Pakistani flood crisis in August 2010, in contrast to Kayani's quick action to help the beleaguered, further weakened him and his government. Additionally, the revelations by Wikileaks about Zardari government's support for America's war against Islam, and the Raymond Davis debacle has caused his popularity to plummet to an all-time low, and rendered his government powerless.

5. The Zardari-led PPP government is totally discredited in the eyes of the people of Pakistan. The government is both inept and corrupt to the core. Hence, with the general elections approaching in 2013, America is looking to establish a new political setup that can provide legitimacy to any new government to continue with the pro-American policies and also provide cushion against the anti-Americanism that widely pervades Pakistani life. Nearly, all of the existing politicians have been tarnished for being too weak in their opposition to America's domination of Pakistani politics. All of this means that America is looking for someone who has a strong personality, yet is overtly anti-American to work with her and the Pakistani military to forge a new civilian government.

6. It must be remembered that Imran Khan's party Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is not really a political party in the sense that it has strong roots in the society. Moreover, it does not possess any heavy weight political personalities of any repute, and is regarded as a one man show. Since 1996, the PTI has only ever had one seat in the Pakistani

parliament and that is occupied by Imran Khan. This means that Imran Khan will have to reach out to other politicians and ask them to join him to strengthen the PTI, and thereby give the party a strong chance of performing well in the elections. Already several notable politicians and technocrats from the Musharraf era, as well as popular politicians from PPP and PML-N have joined the PTI. About 30 politicians from PML-Q (Musharraf's former party) including Awais Leghari, Jamal Leghari, Ghulam Sarwar Khan and Sikandar Hayyat Khan Bosan have joined the PTI. The English daily "The News" has produced a report stating: "Names of the establishment's Q-Leaguers who joined the PTI in last few months have already been published in national press, show that more than 90 percent of the new entrants in Lahore, Chakwal and all other major cities of Punjab are known Musharraf's men, having close and continuous connections with the establishment… Among those who have joined or are joining the PTI and who have been close to the establishment can be included General (r) Anis Bajwa, who was number 2 in the ISI under General Ehsan. General (r) Javed Hassan was also considered close to the establishment and was and has'Kargil fame'. Masood Sharif is ex-IB chief and is considered close to the establishment. Former Inspector General Police Iftikhar Rashid is also known for these links. Brig Ejaz Minhas has recently retired from the ISI, and he is secretary election cell of PTI, Punjab." Former foreign minister, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, has been made Vice-chairman of the PTI. Makhdoom Javed Hashmi, the PML-N, stalwart joined PTI. "Makhdoom sahib's new alignment is a huge development and definitely boost our party's political weight," remarked PTI's Central Spokesman Zahid Hussain Kazmi while talking to The News from Germany. The inclusion of such people is a clear indication that the economic and foreign policy will remain unchanged.

7. Thus, exaggeration of Imran Khan's stature has been performed by America's men and the military. It is against this background that Imran Khan is being extended all forms of support by the military establishment. The rallies in Karachi and Lahore, and the domestic and international media exposure are just some of the tools being used to promote Imran Khan. America and the Pakistani military establishment will continue to work with Imran, as long as he does not oppose their interests.

8. Regarding Imran Khan's statements about the Khilafah, they are statements that do not go beyond the tip of the tongue, which agree with the military and the regime, to the prevalent public opinion amongst the Pakistani people, without any real implementation, or serious work for the Khilafah. And therefore the state did not interfere by preventing such gatherings or by arresting Imran Khan because of that statement. Whereas if there is any statement by Hizb ut-Tahrir about the Khilafah in a gathering, even if it did not exceed tens of people, the state powers, its security and intelligence to mobilize to prevent it and persecute the shebaab to the extent of kidnapping ... Imran Khan is not alone in supporting the Khilafah. Other important public personalities also support the idea such as Senator Mushahid Ullah, and Oriya Maqbool Jan. Recently, former Minister Shaikh Rashid said, "Islam is spreading rapidly and the Muslim ummah is now seriously considering adopting the Khilafat system." All of this indicates that the concept of Khilafah is now wide spread amongst the masses and the Pakistani political medium has no choice but to reflect these sentiments, in order not to become isolated from the people.

9. In conclusion, the Khilafah system is a complete way of life that is revealed by Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. It is not empty words, rather it is a system that should be put into actual implementation in the government, economy, education, social system, domestic and foreign policy and in all the affairs of life. That there is no law except that from the book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger and what leads to them ... It is a rule for implementation, not rhetorical statements without implementation, what to say of, fighting those who work for it and loyalty to the enemies?

The Muslims in Pakistan must acquire a degree of awareness to differentiate the good from the bad, the wheat from the chaff. The system of Khilafah is not an unknown system that Imran and others can manipulate by the use of words! Allah (SWT) warns us about such people,

﴿وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُّعْجِبُكَ قَوْلُهُ فِى الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا
وَ اِذَا0وَيُشْهِدُ اللّٰهَ عَلٰى مَا فِى قَلْبِهِ وَهُوَاَلَدُّ الْخِصَامِ
تَوَلّٰى سَعٰى فِى الْاَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيْهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ
وَالنَّسْلَ وَاللّٰهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفَسَادَ﴾

"There is the type of man whose speech about this world's life May dazzle you, and he calls Allah/God to witness about what is in his heart; yet is he the most contentious of enemies." [Surah al-Baqara 2:204]

The Khilafah system is known, and the honest workers of the Khilafah are also known, as are the pro-American hypocrites ... their predecessors have tried this hypocrisy and deception before and they failed. And tomorrow is too close for the one who is waiting for it.

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Dr Abdul Qayyum's Statement in front of a judge, August 2009

In August 2009, a judge told lawyers to remain silent and asked Dr. Abdul Qayyum, member of Hizb ut-Tahrir, to explain himself why Democracy is Kufr. Dr. Abdul-Qayyum was abducted by government agencies in July 2011 and remains under abduction as of January 2012.

Dr Abdul Qayyum's Statement in front of a judge, August 2009

Democracy originated from the rotten Greek Civilization. It predates Islam by thousands of years and is defined as 'Government by the people, for the people of the people, through legislation.' The source of the whole democratic system is human i.e. Sovereignty belongs to people and people will legislate laws through their elected representatives. Democracy does not simply mean elections, in this system Human is legislator. Hence no law can be made until the majority of the parliament agrees with it. So, for example if 51 percent of the people sitting in assemblies say Riba is Halal then Riba will become Halal.

﴿وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَّلَا مُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللّٰهُ وَرَسُوْلُهٗٓ اَمْرًا اَنْ يَّكُوْنَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ اَمْرِهِمْ﴾

"It is not for a believer, man or woman, when Allah and His Messenger have decreed a matter that they should have any option in their decision." [Surah Al-Ahzab 33:36]

Contrary to this, In Khilafah there will be elections as well but the role of representatives is to implement laws made by Allah (swt) and their opinion regarding laws made by Allah (swt) will not be taken as it is Haram to do so. Hence, even if parliament is asked and 100 percent of the representatives say that Shariah should be implemented, then by itself this action is Haram. That's why, for laws of Allah (swt) and Muhammad(saw) people have no right to say yes or no through a popular referendum.

(At this point the judge commented, there was Majlis Shura in Khilafah Rashida as well which used to advise Khalifah.)

In answer to this, Dr, Abdul Qayyum said that Allah swt said,

﴿وَأَمْرُهُمْ شُورَىٰ بَيْنَهُمْ﴾

"who (conduct) their affairs by mutual consultation " Surah Ash-Shura 42:38

Muhammad (saw) used to do Shura with people as during Ghazwa e badr, Muhammad (saw) camped at a point, Habab bin Mandhar who was expert in military affairs asked Muhammad (saw) that is decision of camping here is wahi from Allah (swt) or your own opinion? Muhammad (saw) said this is my own opinion and there is no wahi revealed regarding this issue. Then Sahabi said according to my opinion and military expertise we should camp beyond the wells of Badr. Muhammad (saw) agreed with his opinion and ordered to move camp beyond the wells of Badr. Some so-called ulema say look Muhammad (saw) left his opinion and accepted suggestion by Sahabi and thus set an excellent example for democracy. We should understand that Muhammad (saw) accepted his suggestion because there was no wahi, regarding this issue by Allah (swt), if there was wahi, the Sahabi wouldn't have even given any suggestion. Similarly, during Ghazwa e Uhd, consultation from the people was taken as to whether war should be fought while staying in Madinah or outside Madinah. Muhammad (saw) accepted the opinion of majority which was to fight outside Madinah, even though contrary to this, the opinion of Muhammad (saw) and senior Sahbah was to fight from inside Madinah. From this, if someone extracts that how this is a good example of Democracy, it is a grave mistake. Shurah is only for Mubah actions and if there is another Hukm of Allah regarding it, no Shurah can be taken.

Another work of Majlis e Shurah is to account rulers. When Umar (ra) during his Khilafah gave ruling that Haq Mehar for women shouldn't be more than 400 Dirham, one woman stood up and said Umar (ra) you have no right to set amount for

Haq Mehar as Allah swt said did not fix it. After listening to this Umar (ra) said the woman is right and Umar is wrong. Some so-called Ulema say that Umar (ra) set an excellent example for Democracy. This thinking is wrong as this was only accounting the Khalifah, not legislating laws which happens in Democracy. In the Khilafah, no law can be taken from other than Shari Sources which are the Quran, Sunnah, Ijmah Sahbah and Qyas. Laws can be extracted through Ijtihad, and only by that person who can do Ijtihad and fulfils all conditions. During the Khilafah, Abubakr (ra) and Umar (ra) used to extract laws through Ijtihad and if the Khalifah is not a Mujtahid, he can refer to a Mujtahid for Hukm Shari. As an example, Haroon Rasheed adopted Imam Abu Yusuf's Kitab ul Khiraj for Economic issues.

Mr. Judge, today the word democracy is considered sacred and that's why people who call for it hide under its cover. We should know that in democracy people are source of legislation. In contrast, in the Khilafah, the sources for legislation are Quran, Sunnah, Ijmah, Sahbah and Qyas. Judge Sahib, its' now up to you to decide that if people legislates other than what Allah has revealed, is this action is Kufr or not. Allah swt said,

﴿اِنِ الْحُكْمُ اِلَّا لِلّٰهِ﴾

"Indeed, the ruling is only for Allah." [Surah al-Anam 6:57]

I believe that the Muslim Ummah's glory was due to the Khilafah, today Muslims are oppressed because they have left obeying Allah in Khilafah and have adopted obeying people in Democracy.

According to the glad tidings of Muhammad (saw) Khilafah will be established again and will give justice to Mankind.

To conclude, I will say...

﴿فَمَاذَا بَعْدَ الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ﴾

"So after the truth, what else can there be, save error" [Surah Yunus 10:32]

After this Judge asked the police that why don't you file an FIR charge sheet against those people who have discussions on TV or write columns in newspapers? This is a societal discussion, so I hereby confirm the bail of Dr. Abdul Qayyum.

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allowed its custodians to become mere 'cards' through the Arab League in Cairo, such that they can become America's 'card'!

O the People of Syria

O Muslims!

Indeed the Hizb ut-Tahrir truthfully puts forth its words and the leader does not betray his people. Do not lean towards the enemies of Allah, be they of a skin different from yours, like the kafir colonialists of Europe and America, or be they of your own skin who bring in the enemies of Allah against you. Oppressing ones own kin is a graver oppression … Leaning towards or consorting with the oppressors, be they be of near ones or distant ones, certainly results in humiliation in this world and the punishment of the hereafter is even worse.

﴿وَلَا تَرْكَنُوْٓا اِلَى الَّذِيْنَ ظَلَمُوْا فَتَمَسَّكُمُ النَّارُ وَمَالَكُمْ مِّنْ
دُوْنِ اللّٰهِ مِنْ اَوْلِيَآءَ ثُمَّ لَا تُنْصَرُوْنَ﴾

"And incline not toward those who do wrong, lest the Fire should touch you, and you have no protectors other than Allâh, nor you would then be helped." [Surah Hud: 11:113]

Do not be deceived by the West and its cohorts who suggest that no change is possible without "help from" the West. This is an utter lie, a creation of the West itself and it has nothing to do with truth. By being sincere to Allah, by your peaceful uprising and by the courage of the liberated soldiers, you are in a position to uproot the tyrant and establish the law of Allah which is the rightly guided Khilafah. You are the bearers of the land of Islam as told by the Prophet who said,

﴿الا ان عقر دار الاسلام الشام﴾

"Verily, the centre of the believers' abode is Ash-Sham."

Indeed it is the blessed of lands, therefore remain committed to the truth. Victory requires nothing but patience for a while longer. There is glad tiding for you. You have already covered a long lap in your revolution against this tyranny, so be patient with Allah who will certainly grant you victory:

﴿يٰۤاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْٓا اِنْ تَنْصُرُوا اللّٰهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَ يُثَبِّتْ اَقْدَامَكُمْ﴾

"O you who believe! If you help (in the cause of) Allâh, He will help you and make your foothold firm." [Surah Muhammad 47:007]

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Pakistan: A key to achieving US's foreign policy objectives in Central Asia and the Pacific

US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton in her policy article in the November issue of Foreign Policy magazine said: "As the war in Iraq winds down and America begins to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan, the United States stands at a pivot point… In the next 10 years, we need to be smart and systematic about where we invest time and energy... One of the most important tasks of American statecraft over the next decade will therefore be to lock in a substantially increased investment -- diplomatic, economic, strategic, and otherwise -- in the Asia-Pacific region." She further challenged China with statements such as "The time has come for the United States to make similar investments as a Pacific power". This shift in focus from Afghanistan and Iraq towards China was clearly observed by every political analyst and Statesman across the globe.

It's quite obvious that after physically clogging China's western trade routes and energy corridors through huge military presence in Afghanistan, US now prepares to bolster her presence around East and South of China. In this regard India and Japan, China's traditional enemies, can play a crucial role. America already has built a ring of military bases around China in the Pacific region with at least seven known military bases in South Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Guam, and now Australia. Now US wants to further intimidate China by bolstering its neighbors. Obama had an important meeting with Indian Premier Manmohan Singh in Indonesia on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit and Hillary Clinton made an unexpected visit to Myanmar who has a longish boarder with China compared to its size.

US sees Pak-India ties through the same prism of containing China. There has been an unusual push towards Pak-India normalization right after Hillary's visit to Pakistan in October this year. Pakistani government out of nowhere announced its intention to grant India MFN (Most Favored Nation) status, something India has been demanding for years. This has been a major initiative from Pakistan given that Pakistan had been blaming India's involvement behind unrest in FATA and Baluchistan. Pakistan used this claim to motivate Pakistani soldiers to carry out brutal military operations in FATA, which displaced millions and killed thousands of Muslims. Furthermore, Pakistan has completely decoupled Kashmir issue from Indo-Pak trade - an old Indian demand which Pakistan has been denying until now. Just in the span of few days, Indian wrestlers visited Pakistan and a Pakistani Kabadi team went to India. A Pak-India cricket series is also on the cards for early next year. All these styles of public diplomacy are geared towards normalizing relationship between the two countries.

The question is how does Pak-India relationships impact America's Asia-Pacific strategic objectives? For China the biggest competitor in the Eurasian land mass is India with whom she has fought a war and currently shares the longest disputed border of the world. US wants to build India as an economic and military counterweight to China. With a hostile Pakistan India cannot even think of threatening China. US also knows that Kashmir issue cannot be resolved justly hence she wants to bury it and normalize relationship so that Pakistan and India could work as a block to counter China. Hence, it is of utmost importance that India normalizes relationship with Pakistan allowing her to pull out troops from Kashmir and solely focus on China. US has already forced Pakistan and the ISI to stop its operations within India granting India much needed political stability. At the same time US is building India economically and militarily. Granting India civil nuclear capability and opening up US markets for Indian goods are few such examples. Moreover, US is propping up India to assume a regional role all the way to Afghanistan and Central Asia. This is why US allowed India to gain foothold in Afghanistan by building a chain of consulates along Pak-Afghan border. US is also arm twisting Pakistan to grant Indian goods land access to Central Asia. Hence, Pakistan is a key to achieving a stronger and more China-centric India, a major US objective in achieving dominance in the Pacific region. The

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Pakistan's policy of high interest rates, devaluation and dollar peg erodes economic sovereignty

As the world debates what to do about the financial crises plaguing both America and Europe, very little debate is taking place inside Pakistan about its ailing economy. The policy prescription implemented by the present government, which consists of a combination of interest rate hikes and devaluation, has failed to stimulate growth. On the contrary, this 'quick fix' so far has resulted in inflation, mass unemployment and economic stagnation. Economists and politicians equally seem at loss, on what do next. Some profess that the only solution is more of the same, plus some additional assistance in the form of foreign loans, while others have no clue. This brings us to the important question of what can be done, and how Pakistan's economy can become self-sufficient.

Let's start by examining the economic policy measures. The most powerful tool the Pakistani government believes it has in its possession to control inflation (or for that matter the contraction and expansion of the country's money supply) is by interest rate adjustments. Pakistan's current interest rate stands at 12% -one of the highest in the world. A high interest rate is not conducive for economic growth and has a number of implications for the economy. First, businessmen, entrepreneurs and wealthy people are encouraged to either take their money out of investments or to not invest at all; instead they deposit their money with banks to earn interest. Given Pakistan's precarious security situation and energy crisis depositing money is seen an extremely attractive option. In this way, money is taken out of circulation from the real economy and is no longer used in new or existing ventures. Subsequently, no new jobs are created to absorb the millions of new job seekers in the domestic market, and unemployment increases.

Second the banks on their part use depositors' money and deposit it with Pakistan's state bank in special accounts to earn 12% in interest. The state bank does not have surplus money to pay interest and is forced to create money in order to pay interest to the depositing banks. The banks receive money in the form of interest and use it to pay their depositors at a slightly lower rate of interest say 11%. The difference is pocketed by the banks for absolutely doing nothing. The depositors either reinvest the interest in the form of additional deposits or use it to buy goods and services, thereby contributing to the inflation rate of certain items, especially luxurious goods.

Third, high interest rates make it extremely difficult for corporations and small businesses to pay off their loans, and borrow money. Typically, banks charge borrowers an exorbitant rate of interest i.e. it is typical for borrowers to pay an additional 5% to 8% above the state bank's discount rate of 12%. This means that some commercial borrowers (companies and SMEs alike) seek to restructure their debt, which entails paying more over a longer period of time. Others are simply forced to cut their costs, which translates into laying off workers, reducing existing product lines and operating on shoestring budgets. However, some corporations and businesses are not so fortunate and are declared bankrupt, or are forced to close for business. Likewise, households are also forced to curb their spending, as some attempt to refinance their debt, while others simply default on their home or car loans because the bread earner in the family unexpectedly becomes unemployed.

Subsequently, those businesses that survived the initial onslaught continue to operate in tough economic conditions where demand for their goods and services is substantially reduced, as people have less money to spend. The drop in domestic consumption over a sustained period will inevitably cause many companies and businesses to go bust (or into receivership). Although high interest rates are aimed at reducing inflation, the real cost for Pakistan is high unemployment, destruction of businesses and innovation and a dramatic decline in economic growth. One of the few organizations that recently posted profits included private commercial banks; as they were able to profit from

both the depositor and the borrower.

Interest rates aside, Pakistan has also had a bitter experience with devaluation. Pakistan being a net importer country and having a weak manufacturing base had its government recently collaborating with the state bank over devaluing the Rupee. This was primarily done to address Pakistan's balance of trade. This is where the state actively discourages the import of goods and encourages the export of domestic goods. By devaluing the rupee the Pakistani government increased the costs of manufacturing inputs, which caused havoc in the agriculture, textile and other sectors, already reeling from the government's policy of high interest rates. Hence, the high cost of borrowing together with the increase in manufacturing costs rendered many industries and companies unable to compete internationally. Incapable to find buyers for their expensive products, key Pakistani exports declined and Pakistan's balance of payments deteriorated. This was further compounded by the continued import of basic food stuffs. Despite being the fourth largest agricultural economy in the world, Pakistan is a net importer of foodstuffs. This means it requires Pakistan to pay more for its food imports (after devaluation) thus causing domestic food inflation to greatly rise. In recent years, food inflation has been made worse by the declining value of the Dollar and the Pakistani Rupee's peg to the dollar.

The countries that benefit from a reduction of its currency are the countries that have developed industry that produce for export, therefore Reducing the currency encourages exports because it makes the selling prices less than the cost of importing, at the same time it reduce the imports because their prices are high for the States which reduced its currency ... that's how the balance occurs in the balance of payments, from one hand it increases the exports and from another hand it reduces the imports. However, the erosion of the resources of the state treasury is a result of the corruption of the ruling class and its looting the public funds that have led the authority to seek to promote local businesses to export by taking advantage of the devaluation, but because as there isn't any significant industry the main exports turn out to be agricultural commodities. And because the agricultural economy is the one which usually cover the people's basic needs, for this the result of the State's encouragement of agricultural exports decreased the food in the country and therefore prices have increased...

To conceal the failure of its devaluation policies, the Pakistani government has relied more and more on expatriate remittance and the export of domestic staple foods to boost Pakistan's balance of payments. The latter is particularly cruel for the Pakistani population, as in a desperate bid to earn foreign exchange and improve the balance of payments, the Pakistani government exports much needed staple foods such as rice and wheat, which leads to shortages at home. The hard earned foreign exchange is not re-invested back into the domestic economy, but is repatriated in the form of debt service payments to strengthen foreign economies. Thus, the Pakistani government is forced to borrow from international institutions to redress a shortfall in balance of payments.

Therefore Pakistan's pursuance of high interest rates and devaluation has failed to curb inflation and stimulate growth. Moreover, it has eroded Pakistan's economic sovereignty and has made the economy more reliant on foreign institutions and their loans.

The economic policies followed by Pakistan, the West and the world in general, are based on free market principles, which were first advocated by Adam Smith in his famous book 'The Wealth of Nations' published in 1776. Today, economists called neoliberals such as the late Milton Friedman and his colleagues at the University of Chicago elaborated on Smith's work and the works of other neoclassical economists such as Menger, Jevons and Warlas to develop an aggressive understanding of how the free market should function today. In their view, the most efficient way to run markets is to transfer control of public property to individuals, with the role of the government limited to providing a stable free-market only. Governments should not regulate markets and state intervention in the market is abhorred. This became the corner stone of modern day economic thinking and was the force behind Thatcherism in the UK and Reaganomics in the US. Later, it was used as an economic policy prescription for third world countries and was made part of the Washington Consensus in 1989 by the economist John Williamson. Hence, deregulation of markets, privatization of public and state utilities, trade liberalization, monetary control via interest rates, floating exchanges etc became synonymous with

the concept of free markets.

The free market idea is conceptually flawed. This is because wealth is not equally possessed by people and this impacts their ability to purchase goods and services from the market place to satisfy their needs. In practice, those who have huge amounts of wealth enjoy permanent access to the market and are able to purchase any type of property (basic as well as luxurious). On the opposite end of the spectrum, many people do not have the means to purchase a loaf of bread or a piece of cloth to hide their nakedness. Hence, governments around the world are forced to intervene and provide assistance to such people. Moreover, in the aftermath of global economic crisis in 2008, governments ignored free market principles and interfered to nationalize banks and corporations. Thus western governments became owners of private properties, a clear contravention of free market principles. Hence the concept of free market is unworkable in practice and as an idea it is a mad one. "The idea that markets are always right was a mad idea," declared the French president, Nicolas Sarkozy in 2008.

The solution to Pakistan's economic problems lies in Islam. Some of these solutions are as follows:-

The money supply should be based on a bimetallic standard such as gold and silver. This will reduce the volatility in the prices of goods and services and give Pakistan's economy much needed stability.

Domestic interest rates employed to control money supply and consumption must be abolished, and only the principal amount owed should be returned to the creditors.

The rupee once buttressed by gold and silver should be de-pegged from the dollar. This will prevent the debasement of the rupee and increase its purchasing power. In other words, Pakistan should be able to buy more for less, thereby reducing pressure on the balance of payments.

Pakistan must unilaterally end all forms of usury payments to IMF, WB and other programs concocted by the colonialists to destroy the country's economic sovereignty. Additionally, Pakistan should categorically refuse to pay any of its $54 billion external debt. This will enable Pakistan to divert money earmarked for debt servicing to address the need of Pakistan's poor.

All IMF structural conditions imposed on Pakistan, should be reversed, especially those related to the privatization of Pakistan's public utilities such as electricity, gas, and banks.

Proceeds collected through taxes sanctioned by Islam, should be used to boost Pakistan's agricultural output, so that its people can be fed. Any surplus food can be exported or exchanged with important goods with other countries. This will also enable Pakistan to circumvent international restrictions.

These are just some of the Islamic measures that can be applied to turn the Pakistani economy around. However, these measures are likely to be vehemently opposed by the existing political class who are subservient to the interests of the colonial powers and are captivated by the discredited economic principles of the free market.

A new political system is required to implement these solutions, one that is based on Islam and which implements these solutions. This political system is the Khilafah, and Muslims must work to re-establish it. Only the Khilafah can guarantee economic self-sufficiency and prosperity.

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Pakistan: A key to achieving US's foreign policy objectives in Central Asia and the Pacific

agents in the military and political leadership of Pakistan are playing completely according to the US strategic script instead of working to secure interests of Muslims of Pakistan and Kashmir.

Hence Pakistan has become a major pawn in the hands of the US through which US plans to gain stability in Afghanistan to influence Central Asia as well as strengthening India to counter China. But unfortunately the current leadership doesn't see the strategic strength of Pakistan and perpetually fans out disinformation that Pakistan is too weak to defend itself. They claim that Pakistan has no option but to be a lackey of the US. A sincere leadership under Islamic rule will exploit this strategic strength and not only expand the boundaries of the Khilafah to all the way to Central Asia but will also have the leverage to play politics with China, who would love to have Khilafah as an ally against the threatening Indo-US nexus.

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America's decline and the future of two political systems

The fall of America doesn't have to be a complete collapse -- it is, after all, a country that has managed to reinvent itself many times before. But today it's no longer certain -- or even likely -- that everything will turn out fine in the end. --Der Spiegel

The world as we know it is embroiled in a protracted political crisis that threatens to reshape the existing political order for decades to come. At stake is the fate of two political systems that are inextricably linked and are slowly unravelling on opposite sides of the globe.

In the West, the mighty European Union, once a bastion of stability and power is teetering on the brink of implosion. The euro-debt crisis that has engulfed the European continent threatens to unleash dark forces of nationalism that have remained dormant for sixty odd years.

In the East, the Arab world enslaved by the autocratic regimes implanted by the old European powers are falling like dominoes, and unveiling forces of change that are dynamic and untested.

These events when seen through the lens of optimism are interpreted positively by some; Europe will emerge stronger and more united than before, and the Arab world will be transformed into an oasis of liberty and democracy.

When viewed through the prism of realism a completely different picture emerges. The post-modern European experiment is fast coming to an end, and the Arab world is finally freeing itself from the vicious shackles of colonialism by dislodging pro-Western autocratic regimes. The demise of both political systems is no accident, and is tied to America's global decline. In many ways, the political systems of Europe and the Arab world are a product of American hegemony and ingenuity.

The Marshall Plan provided the edifice for America to control Europe's propensity for war and curb her ambitions to seek and maintain colonies abroad. Post World War II, American leaders sought to diminish Europe's domination of the world. As the historian John Lumberton Harper put it US President Roosevelt wanted "to bring about a radical reduction in the weight of Europe" and thereby make possible "the retirement of Europe from world politics" (Harper, American Visions of Europe: Franklin D. Roosevelt, George F. Kennan, and Dean G. Acheson, Cambridge UK, 1996).

Under the shadow of American economic aid and security architecture, Europe ravaged by war charted a new route towards postmodernism-a break from the warring nation state which had consumed the continent in the past. Eventually, the European Union (EU) was born, where nationalism was finally suppressed and national sovereignty gave way to a transnational authority that presided in Brussels. Europeans marvelled at their postmodern creation and touted it as the natural evolution from the nation state model. A foremost proponent of this model, Robert Cooper an advisor to former Prime Minister Tony Blair, said, "The postmodern system in which we Europeans live does not rely on balance; nor does it emphasise sovereignty or the separation of domestic and foreign affairs. The European Union has become a highly developed system for mutual interference in each other's domestic affairs, right down to beer and sausages...It is important to realise what an extraordinary revolution this is (The new liberal imperialism, The Guardian, Sunday April 7 2002)."

However, the birth of the postmodern state came at a cost. The EU was in no position to challenge America's primacy in the world and lost many of its colonies to the US. America employed several means to subdue the EU, especially its most powerful member Germany: the enlargement of NATO, the expansion of the EU to include new member states, and the use of the single currency i.e. the euro.

Through this approach, America was able to control levers of economic and military power in Europe. This continued until the collapse of Lehman brothers, which brought the onset of the current economic depression. The American financial crisis is the real cause behind Europe's economic and political turmoil. It is precipitating the collapse of the EU thereby undermining sixty years of American primacy over European affairs. Probably, Germany will arise from the EU rubble as a major power capable of not only of thwarting American interests in Europe, but supplanting her as the main provider of peace and security on the continent. The euro-crisis and not Germany's militarism has handed Berlin a carte blanche to cast European politics in its own image.

Another portent is that within the context of European history the postmodern experience is truly an anomaly. Europe's disposition is to eschew peace and engage in inter warfare fuelled by

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Sheikh Hasina's Bangladesh: a Story of Capitalism's Digital Bankruptcy

The government of Sheikh Hasina, agent of US-Britain-India, came to power back in 2009 with the slogan of creating "digital Bangladesh". Since then the rapid transformation of Bangladesh into a spineless, subservient state for Hasina's masters has indeed been more than digital! However, when it comes to transforming the country to achieve the welfare of the people the story is one of digital bankruptcy. The economy has been crippled by government mismanagement. In fact, it will not be an overstatement to say that today the people of Bangladesh face one of the most difficult periods of economic hardship in the last four decades. It all begun with the stock market, a capitalist digital gambling machine.

In the beginning of 2009, when the government of Sheikh Hasina took power, the main stock market of Bangladesh, Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) had index of 2538.79, with total market capital of $13.86 billion. And then within a period of less than two years, on 5th Dec, 2010, the DSE general market index boomed to $58.52 billion! What a digital magic of capitalist economic prosperity in the midst of global economic recession!! Hasina and her ministers and the so called civil society trumpeted this as the success of her government's economic policy. They started to say that with this huge market boom millions of people have got jobs. Sheikh Hasina and her ministers claimed that they are living up to the electoral promise of giving one job to each family. As if this was a success in reality.

Small savers, women, sole proprietors continued to draw closer to the market as if this balloon is never going to burst. Then came the big day in December 2010, when the market crumbled to its feet due to huge sell pressure from those who worked behind the closed door to keep this casino boom. Then in less than a year, on 15th November, 2011 the market fell down to its lowest index and market capital stood at $33.90 billion, evaporating almost 50% or $25 billion from the market, leaving directly 3.3 million small investors or 15 million people destitute. This is how Sheikh Hasina repaid her domestic and foreign fund providers in the 2008 general election. This was smarter than the alleged $0.856 billion fund misappropriation or theft by Tariq Rahman, the son of former prime minister and current opposition leader Khaleda Zia. Sheikh Hasina's computer engineer son and aides are more creative geniuses!

For the past one year the government has tried to cover up the scam. Hasina continued the policy of "let it go" or "time is a great healer" so that the daily angry street protests by those who were allured to invest in the casino and ultimately lose everything gradually lose their zeal and vigor to continue their protests and the looters can go scot-free. And now she is eying on the prospect of another round of gain for her fund raisers. This week Hasina personally chaired a committee to oversee the DSE to foul the people once again. Now she is asking the banking and insurance sectors to invest their fund in this market, which is fodder for another catastrophe as evident from the USA stock market crash and its cyclical effects.

In fact for Hasina that was not enough. Her government's economic policy has not just failed the 3.3 million middle class people and made them insolvent. A BBC South Asia Monitoring report on 3rd Nov, 2011, reports that for the first time in the history of Bangladesh, in order to meet its demand for money the government has taken initiatives to secure $1 billion sovereign debt from foreign countries, issuing 5-10 years treasury bonds. For anyone to understand its dangerous effect on the economy it is enough to remind them that the developed countries have failed to manage their economies by adopting such strategy. The recession across Europe is a glaring example of this. In the current fiscal year (2011-2012), the government had set a target of $4.28 billion domestic loans from the local commercial banks to finance its budget deficit. However, within only 5 months of this fiscal year, a daily $14.28 million loan from domestic commercial banks, Hasina government has already borrowed $3.85 billion or 90% of its targeted borrowing. The largest four national commercial banks are already on the verge of bankruptcy and even the Central Bank of Bangladesh has made it clear that, "local banks will not be able to supply money to it anymore, because, the private sector will not get any loans from the banks if the government continues its borrowing further."

Looking at this government's dismal performance

on the economic front, one must ask the question why the government is borrowing so much. There is no real answer from the government. In fact the growth in tax revenue in the first quarter of July-September of the current fiscal year was 15%, with revenue income of $2.58 billion, while the growth in collection was 25%. On the other hand, only 11% of the annual development program was implemented in the first quarter of the current fiscal and the total expenditure was $0.70 billion only. Thus the question remains where the money is going? Some explanation coming from government is that the price of oil in the international market has increased, so the government has to increase its financing, otherwise continuation of the subsidies will not be possible. This is a great lie. First of all, the government has already increased the price of gasoline more than 100% in past three months to finance the subsidy. Moreover, just in this month oil price has been increased by more than 10% while gasoline price is expected to increase by another 90% in coming months. Moreover, if shortage of gasoline or oil is our problem, which definitely is not, then why the government is increasing this burden on the people by awarding oil and gas blocks to American and other foreign multinational companies like ConocoPhillips and agrees to contracts where the government will buy our gas or oil from these multinationals at international price and they will take 80% of the daily production. Additionally, since it is the Hasina government who makes such contracts to show her commitment to her American masters, why the 160 million Muslims should pay for that? This increase in oil, diesel and other fuel prices just before the harvesting season will definitely increase the cost of production and subsequently will cost every single countryman with increasing cost of living in a country where inflation rate has been around 50% annually.

By continuing to implement the capitalist economic system, like her predecessors, Sheikh Hasina has in reality turned Bangladesh to a bankrupt nation. Therefore it is time for the 160 million Muslims in Bangladesh to understand that, the very desire they hold to have economic opportunities and realize the potential of our economic resources that Allah (swt) has bestowed upon us in this world can only be managed and utilized for public good if we can install a government who will run the economic policies not based on capitalist free market system but based on Islamic economic system under the shade of Khilafah state. Indeed capitalism has failed humanity and its proponents. So it is time to show how our economic nightmare under this system can become our economic blessings under the system of Islam.

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unbridled nationalism and the quest for ascendancy over other nations.

The present day Arab world owes much of its political structures and institutions to the old European powers that colonised it. However, after 1945, America emerged as the world's leading state and entered the Arab world with the intention of displacing British and French influence, and usurping the oil fields of the Middle East. The US state department described the find as "[the Middle East is] a stupendous source of strategic power, and one of the greatest material prizes in world history."

America had no intention of dismantling the despotic regimes; rather she sought to place her own agents to run these regimes while making false pretences about delivering freedom and democracy around the world. America armed with the "Truman Doctrine" proceeded to deprive the Arab world the freedom from tyranny and the ability to rule for themselves. She covertly buttressed these regimes to keep the Arab population imprisoned and subdued. But in 2011, popular revolts erupted throughout the region, removed a few tyrants, and destabilised the political order America had so painstakingly put together.

Today the political landscape is no longer dominated by secularists; a new wave of Islamic revival has hastened to fill the void. In Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt political Islam is on the ascendancy and its dominance pervades the political medium. Most probably Libya and Yemen will follow suit. Nothing epitomises the Islamic trend better than the stir caused by the moderate Tunisian Prime Minister Hamadi Jebali who referred to the present time as "a divine moment in a new state, and in hopefully a 6th Caliphate," and that "the liberation of Tunisia will, God willing, bring about the liberation of Jerusalem." If the moderates possess grandiose designs to resurrect the Caliphate then one can only image what most of the Arab masses covet.

The nation state concept is alien to the Arab world, and was imported to the region by European powers. The natural inclination of the Arab masses is to gravitate towards the caliphate-a political system that kept them united under a single leader for well over a thousand years. And certainly the Arab world is firmly on that trajectory, no matter what the American government contrives to portray.

As America struggles to manage its decline, the fate of two political systems is about to change for good. The world will then return to the pre-1945 model-a multi-polar world, dominated by different centres of geopolitical influence, with the caliphate at its helm.

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British, Masters of Colonialism

The idea on which the foreign policy of the West is based is the spread of capitalism and to make this view point dominate the whole world. Colonialism is a tool for spreading capitalism to the world and forcing it on others and a master of this tool is Britain.

The most important principle of the foreign policy of Britain is that there are only national interests and no friends and enemies. After the Capitalist revolution Britain has been controlled by rich capitalist families who have formulated her foreign policy ever since. A 1950 foreign office document entitled "British overseas obligations a regional survey" reveal Britain post war colonial interests and priorities. It mentions the different colonies in context of their wealth and resources. About Africa it says that "Africa is an important source of raw material in peace and war whereas South East Asia is a substantial economic asset. Colony of Malaya alone has a surplus of $145 million ". The report goes on to mention Middle East as a very important region noting that the oil produced is very essential for the economic interests of Britain. A denial of this region to Britain would result in loss of 150 million pounds annually.

Often colonial exploitation has been disguised in the guise of development. A 1945 memorandum by the foreign office clearly mentions that: "We have to devise techniques for bringing influence to bear upon other countries' internal decisions". A very interesting example of the kind of exploitation that was carried out reveals that between the years 1946-1951 the total colonial development and welfare expenditure throughout the empire was 40 million pounds or 8 million pounds per annum. On the other hand colonial sterling balances gained from the empire and held in London was 150 million pounds. In 1951 West African marketing board had 93 million pounds on deposit in London. Colonies were given or lent 40 million pounds and 250 million pounds were taken from them. This was disinvestment on the grand scale and the extent of British imperial exploitation for its own interest at the expense of the third world populations.

Another foreign policy strategy was the deception of independence shrewdly designed by Britain to protect her economic and political interests in the changing world circumstances. This kind of fake independence helped in changing the formal into informal empire and extended the life of colonial control.

Yet another brutal face of Britain was unmasked in Malaya and Kenya. Malaya (Malaya is now split into two countries; Malaysia and Singapore) which was very rich in rubber and tin and was a source of cheap raw material was crushed between 1948 and 1960 when Britain waged a military campaign against insurgents. Dictatorial police measures, collective punishments of villages and forced labor were some of the methods used to crush the resistance. Along with that more than half million pounds of bombs were dropped in an attempt to crush opposition to British rule.

Similarly Kenya became a British colony in 1920 which ultimately resulted in extreme poverty and exploitation of Africans and deprivation of their lands at the hands of British. The exploitation occurred to the extent that the Kenyan natives would work on lands and only get one-fifth the compensation the white settlers got (on the average) for the same amount of work. Thirty-two years of barbaric colonialism resulted in a violent nationalistic uprising called the Mau Mau uprising (1952-56). During the three years of civil war, over 30,000 men, women, and children were imprisoned in concentration camps where forced labor was practiced and hangings were common. This resulted in many losing their homes and their land as a result. Although only 100 Europeans were killed, the war took lives of over 13,000 Africans.

Even today the policy of colonialism continues. The active support which Britain gave to the war in Iraq launched by the Bush administration in 2003 was based on deep strategic and economic interests which find its roots some 85 years back. After World War I Britain and France fell like wolves on the carcass of Ottoman Khilafah. To secure oil for its Navy, Britain created Iraq and placed puppet rulers on Iraq in the form of King Faisal and Faisal II. Uprisings against the tyrannical regime were crushed through bombings and gassings.

Again Britain found itself fighting for its interests in Iraq, this time with America. Browne a chief executive of British Petroleum and Labor member of House of Lords warned Washington not to carve up Iraq for its own oil companies by saying "We have let it be known that the thing we would like to make sure if Iraq changes regime, is that there

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Army - PPP clash: US all set to change its old agent with a new one!

As expected, with the start of the negotiation phase of the Af-Pak campaign, the US is now all set to change her agent in Pakistan. The writing is on the wall and the PPP-led government can see it loud and clear. The army versus government tussle is ever increasing. The clash on 'Memogate' scandal has become way too obvious. The scandal started from a "memo" which was conveyed to Admiral Mullen through back-channels and was purportedly conceived and initiated by President Asif Ali Zardari. In the memo, the Zardari government requested America to stop a possible coup in Pakistan, after Osama Bin Laden's "assassination," in exchange for 'huge concessions' in the War on Terror, the nuclear issue and normalization with India, amongst others.

This is not the first time that America would change its old trusted agent with a new one. Whenever she deems that the agent has outlived their usefulness or the public opinion has become hostile to a point that there is a danger of real change, she brings a face-change to stop a system level, radical change. In 1999, Pakistanis witnessed a US stooge, Nawaz Sharif, being replaced by a military stooge, Musharraf. During 2008-2009, the US first forced Musharraf to accept a power-sharing deal with Benazir Bhutto and then finally replaced him with a democratic, corrupt ruler, Asif Ali Zardari. Similarly now, when Zardari has reached his expiry date and the operational phase in Af-Pak strategy is that of negotiations, and not war, the US wants to get rid of Zardari and bring a new agent who is more suitable for negotiations. To achieve this, the US is again banking on its agents in the armed forces. Kayani and Pasha are spearheading this campaign. Currently, the "memogate" scandal and NRO cases are being used to exert pressure on the Zardari regime. The so-called independent judiciary, which has also been exposed as a veritable arm of the Army, is the ace-card for achieving US objectives. This "hostile" role also suits Kayani, as he can pose as someone who is working against the US interests by flogging a dead horse - Zardari. This helps Kayani build himself within the rank and file, who hate him for his connivance with the US in the Abottabad raid, as well as the Salalah NATO attack, which left more than 28 Pakistani soldiers dead and many wounded. It also helps Kayani portray himself as an independent and anti-US General who could woo TTP and Afghan Taliban onto the negotiating table, so that the political process could provide permanence to US military gains in Afghanistan and FATA. George Friedman in his article on "Stratfor" alludes to this very point. He says: "The Pakistanis are preparing for the American drawdown. Publicly, it is important for them to appear as independent and even hostile to the Americans as possible in order to maintain their domestic credibility. Up to now, they have appeared to various factions in Pakistan as American lackeys… U.S. accusations that the government has not cooperated with the United States in fighting Islamists are exactly what the Pakistani establishment needs in order to move to the next phase."

A stable Afghanistan and FATA, with US bases in Afghanistan and Pakistan's military check-points in FATA, will allow US companies to build lucrative pipelines for the free flow of hydrocarbons through Gwadar to the rest of the world. Hence, Musharraf and Kayani killed and maimed thousands of Muslims and displaced millions just for the interests of America. After the final military operation in Kurram, the 'witch-hunt' of Tehreek Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has come to an end, since the Army has built check points all across FATA areas, which previously were no-go areas. US has started the negotiation phase, which needs political backing from the US agents in the political leadership of Pakistan. Zardari cannot drive this US objective. The US needs another face, who has always called for negotiations and is seen by the tribal Muslims as a credible leader. This is why it doesn't come as a surprise that even Vice President Joe Biden doesn't consider Taliban to be an enemy! For the new phase of negotiation, GHQ and the ISI

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Fall of the Khilafah, 3 March 1924

The fall of the Khilafah on 3 March 1924 was an event of monumental significance for Muslims as it represented the end of a 1350 year-old institution that had existed since the time of the Prophet Muhammad himself. Its loss had a "deep effect on the way in which politically conscious Arabs thought of themselves" [1] such that in the immediate aftermath, individuals and movements from all quarters of the Islamic political spectrum emerged, advocating the restoration of some form of Shariah based political system. Demands were not restricted to Turkey though it was the last home of the Khilafah and was then subject to harsh, anti-religious Kemalist policies. In Egypt, even prominent reformists led calls for its immediate re-establishment, Rashid Rida for example saying in his magazine 'al-Manar' "All Muslims will remain in a state of sin until they select another caliph and pledge allegiance to him", and by 1928 a populist Islamic movement had emerged which held Islamic government as a central goal. "When asked what is it that you call, reply that it is Islam, the message of Muhammad, the religion that contains within it a government" were the words of Hassan al-Banna founder of the Muslim Brotherhood. In its dying days, attempts to salvage it where directed from as far away as India by such likes as the Khilafat Movement [2] , a movement which left a significant and lasting impact on Muslim political thought throughout the subcontinent, forming the ideological underpinnings of later demands for a separate Muslim homeland - Pakistan. Even those who had conspired to destroy it, such as Hussein of Mecca who fought the Ottomans with British support, tried to assume its title knowing the regard it held in the Muslim world; other political leaders also tried to take advantage. King Fouad I of Egypt for example "set his sights on the lofty religious position that had been vacated in Istanbul after Turkey abolished the Khilafah in 1924" according to Egypt's al-Ahram newspaper in 1925.This is not to mention conferences held in Cairo in 1926 and throughout India during the early 1920s that addressed various questions of support for the Khilafah. The words of Lord Curzon, the British Foreign Minister at the time, appear to have best caught the Khilafah's significance when he announced to the House of Commons "We must put an end to anything which brings about any Islamic unity between the sons of the Muslims. As we have already succeeded in finishing off the Caliphate, so we must ensure that there will never arise again unity for the Muslims, whether it be intellectual or cultural unity"

Since the furore that followed the demise of the Khilafah, the question of Islam in politics and Shariah-based government has arguably confronted every Islamic movement in the Muslim world, regardless of how they resolved to answer that question. Undoubtedly, some argued there must be no such thing; the reformer Ali Abdul Razaq for example challenged the likes of Rida by demanding a separation of religion from state, saying of the Khilafah "In reality, the religion of Islam is innocent of the Khilafah which Muslims have come to know". Clearly, a branch of the post-Khilafah debate did not reference Islam, driven by other ideological drifts. But after failed experiments with nationalism -Arab or otherwise Communism, Socialism during the 50s and 60s, secularism and bitter experiences with regimes that forcibly kept religion out of sight not just out of government, organisations seeking to introduce Shariah and Islam into the political system are now arguably the biggest force in the Muslim world. Any opening in the authoritarian architecture of the Muslim world is likely to yield Islamic government. F. Gregory Gause III, associate professor of political science at the University of Vermont and director of its Middle East studies program, points to the increasing paradox of democratising the Middle East for US policymakers in October's Foreign Affairs, "based on public opinion surveys and recent elections in the Arab world, the advent of democracy there seems likely to produce new Islamist governments that would be much less willing to cooperate with the United States than are the current authoritarian rulers"

For numerous organisations now, the goal of reviving Shariah in ruling matters feature at the root of their political activity. The means they employ differ, as does their vision of the Khilafah's exact workings. Some, like those affiliated to the Muslim Brotherhood, PAS in Malaysia and others, opt for a gradual reform of the political system using existent mechanisms; others through encouraging individual reform whilst some opt to operate outside of existing political structures like

the transnational organisation Hizb ut Tahrir. Crucially many such organisations are non-violent and do not endorse attacks from 9/11 to 7/7 let alone believe violence to be the methodology for change. Islamic organisations seeking to establish a Shariah-based government are clearly not limited to the few who have chosen violence, or to the individuals who have bought carnage to western capitals. The suggestion that the Khilafah is an inherently violent system because it is exclusive to - and draws its reality exclusively from - the violence of such people is therefore false. The formulae needs to be deconstructed and an assessment of the Khilafah made independently of such misleading associations.

Let us pose a broader question to highlight the point in a different way: is it sound to discredit a set of political goals because of the means employed by some to achieve them? If the logic held true, some of the most celebrated historical events in the West should be recast as triumphs for political violence. The founding pillars of the "enlightenment" should be held responsible for motivating violent upheaval on the continent of Europe and North America and thus should remain under the shadow of - and scarred by - the means of terror. More acutely, if the West's careful stitch-work between means and goals is credible we must go further to render ideas of the enlightenment inherently violent, for they represented the ideals of the violent and bloody struggles that were the French and American revolutions. Thomas Paine, the esteemed thinker at the heart of America's struggle for independence, articulated the case for an American revolution in his highly influential pamphlet 'Common Sense' when he wrote "We view our enemies in the characters of Highwaymen and Housebreakers, and having no defence for ourselves in the civil law; are obliged to punish them by the military one, and apply the sword, in the very case, where you have before now, applied the halter". Thomas Jefferson too acknowledged that violence would feature in the path to America's independence, his words suggesting that although 'unfortunate' the focus should be on the bigger picture:"It is unfortunate that the efforts of mankind to recover the freedom of which they have been so long deprived, will be accompanied with violence, with errors, and even with crimes. But while we weep over the means, we must pray for the end."

Equally, national liberation struggles that used violence should render the goal of independence from foreign control violent and immoral, a far cry however from the glowing endorsements they selectively received from Western powers. On the Afghan effort to force out the Soviets, former US President Ronald Reagan commented "Self-determination, the right to freely choose one's own destiny, has been the central point of the Afghan struggle… We are proud to have supported their brave struggle to regain their freedom, and our support for this noble cause will continue as long as it is needed". The African National Congress' struggle against apartheid represented a noble cause but as Nelson Mandela admitted in 1963 that "without violence there would be no way open to the African people to succeed in their struggle" although he "planned it as a result of a calm and sober assessment of the political situation". None of this rendered the fight against racism in South Africa wrong, Mandela now a respected figure in international politics indeed in global peace movements, re-branded a freedom fighter no less.

The use of violence to achieve a political end is even a point of debate in western circles. Opinions range from those who believe it is never justified to those who believe that some situations necessitate it. Gary Younge, a columnist in the British newspaper the Guardian, wrote regarding the recent rioting in Parisian suburbs that "in certain conditions rioting is not just justified but may also be necessary, and effective" because "when all non-violent, democratic means of achieving a just end are unavailable, redundant or exhausted, rioting is justifiable". Thomas Paine's view that "having no defence for ourselves in the civil law; are obliged to punish them by the military one" also moves to justify the use of violence when no alternative is available. For the Oxford academic Timothy Garton-Ash: "We may want to uphold the universal principle 'no violence', but we all know that these are, in political fact and in moral content, very different things, and some violent political actions are - shall we say - less unjustified than others". Other variations debate whether the maxim 'the end justifies the means' can pragmatically justify the use of political violence to overcome an obstacle that obstructs critical human progress, as Jefferson's earlier remarks on the American revolution may lead one to conclude.

The purpose here is not to justify by stealth the use of violence as a tool for political change. It is to demonstrate that the Khilafah as a stable, independent, accountable and representative state can not be rubbished by associating it with the acts of violence perpetrated by some who claim to want something that goes by the same name; that means and goals represent distinct realities and must be

decoupled. The Khilafah has a long track record of ruling quite disparate communities, ethnicities, regions and religions with success, bringing stability to previously war-ravaged territories, engaging populations and earning strong loyalties from the communities and religions it governed. Equating the Khilafah to the violence of the likes of al-Qaida is false; we must dispense of the term - and the reality of - terror from a description of the Khilafah.

Contrary to the prophecies of doom Washington and London are so eager to forward, the Khilafah will be a stabilising force for the Muslim world.It will certainly threaten foreign interests in the lands it governs if those interests resemble current behaviour towards the Muslim world - few doubt that. That may partly explain why the west is so eager to malign it. But asserting independence does not render a state unstable. Indeed, part of the Khilafah's appeal for Muslims is that it will stand-up to foreign aggression and wrestle back what they believe is rightfully theirs. The Khilafah will bring stability to the Muslim world in numerous ways.

Firstly, the Khilafah is an accountable political system whose head is legitimated only through popular consent. It will therefore be unlike the regimes that currently litter the Muslim world, which are both unrepresentative and unaccountable, and inherently fragile and unstable as a result. With no means of recourse within these regimes and no channels to express dissent or criticism, peoples' concerns have become threatening political undercurrents, even threats of rebellion and overthrow, a reality exasperated by the widespread use of brutality by security services to deal with opposition.The Khilafah, in striking contrast, engages voices of dissent through the political system by providing extensive channels for accounting all parts of the states' apparatus as well as a consultative assembly made-up of elected representatives with significant powers.

Secondly, the Khilafah system is consistent with - not alien to - the values of the people in the Muslim world. This provides it deep roots and a better chance at working in partnership with its populations because it engages them on a common point of reference and for common goals. But it also means the Khilafah acts as a guarantor for values considered most at threat since its demise by Muslim peoples. The secular, autocratic even atheistic regimes that emerged in the Khilafah's wake significantly curtailed Islamic practice and engineered new readings of Islamic values and history. They often imposed views that broke with orthodoxy to demand loyalty to divisive and failed ideologies from Arabism to Communism, or combinations of both. The import of foreign value systems too is often associated with the threat of eroding deeply Islamic values; values deemed 'western', for example, are tarnished by perceptions of western moral and sexual decadence. A political system that credibly protects Islamic values is key to securing public confidence and partnership.

Thirdly, the loss of the Khilafah brought with it an unprecedented loss of authority and leadership on Islamic issues. The resulting vacuum allowed individuals to become global figureheads for merely speaking the rhetoric of anti-colonialism and standing-up to perceived aggressors, such as the likes of bin Laden. Conferences like those held in the Jordanian capital Amman last July which denounced the takfiri thought espoused by the likes of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi carry little weight or credibility, organised under the auspices of a Jordanian monarchy created on the ashes of the Khilafah and which to this day celebrates the Arab revolt considered by most a treacherous collusion with British colonisers. The same is true for declarations made by the OIC whose conferences are characterised by useless gestures and by hospitality that isolates them from the suffering of their own people, a perception not changed simply by holding the December conference in the holy city of Mecca. This crisis in leadership after the Khilafah dangerously allowed its functions to be dismembered and claimed by virtually anyone who was willing to take them on, from tax collection, to defending Muslim territory (and deciding when and how) to defining the relationship between Islam and other peoples. The Khilafah was the only institution able to provide credible leadership on Islamic issues and which can hold a credible Islamic debate that denounces weak or erroneous understandings that threaten both western and Muslim populations.

Efforts to malign the Khilafah must be challenged with an understanding of exactly what it would represent. Equating it with, and making it inseparable from, the violence that has struck western capitals is a false association that lacks historical, political and intellectual credibility particularly in the Muslim world.The goal of replacing unrepresentative unaccountable rulers with a political system that is neither and which draws on strong ideological commonalities with its people can only be a stabilising force for the region.The Khilafah represents an alternative political vision for the Muslim world and a political

system that draws on a strong historical record. Remarks from senior US and British officials demonstrate the Khilafah is now finding its way into the language of the war on terror. American officials have recently introduced it as a pretext for continuing US involvement in Iraq. For Eric Edelman, US under secretary of defence for policy "Iraq's future will either embolden terrorists and expand their reach and ability to re-establish a Khilafah, or it will deal them a crippling blow. For us, failure in Iraq is just not an option". In addition to Tony Blair's post 7/7 remarks, the British Home secretary, Charles Clarke, said in a speech to the US think tank the Heritage Foundation "there can be no negotiation about the recreation of the Khilafah; there can be no negotiation about the imposition of Shariah law". Lord Curzon's warnings that "we must put an end to anything which brings about any Islamic unity between the sons of the Muslims" where appended by his remarks about the end of the Khilafah: "The situation now is that Turkey is dead and will never rise again, because we have destroyed its moral strength, the Khilafah and Islam". The fact that less than eight decades after the British government announced its death, demands for a Khilafah re-appear clearly challenge Lord Curzon's forecasts as does it bring to the fore his warnings.The Khilafah may soon become the defining debate of our age; the emerging prospect of its arrival must be met with a willingness to understand a system that would undoubtedly usher in a new era for the Muslim world.

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should be a level playing field for the selection of oil companies to go in there if they are needed to do the work there".

As always, accompanying the exploitation was the inhumane treatment of people and ruthless attacks against the insurgency. That included keeping prisoners naked, sexual degradation, sleep deprivation, hooding and starvation. Similarly the attack on Afghanistan was driven by the vast resources in Central Asia where a similar treatment was meted out to the prisoners and civilians, to which Britain was a party.

In contrast to the materialistic centric approach of Capitalism, Islam seeks to remove the injustices of the man made legislation. The Islamic Khilafah when it existed never exploited or colonized people. The Khilafah never launched a war with the objective to usurp the resources of a land or to secure jobs for its own citizens, to gain contracts for its companies or to line the pockets of the ruling class. The Khilafah never looked at people as conqueror and conquered or winners and losers but as citizens. This is how a state established in Medina expanded to Persia, North Africa, Central Asia, South Asia and South East Asia. Even today the people of these lands, being part of the Muslim Ummah, long for the return of the Khilafah. The movements working for the re-establishment of the Khilafah find mass support in these regions. It seems as if the days of colonialism are numbered and a global Islamic state on the lines of the Khilafah is imminent.

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are engineering another 'King's Party' (the new 'Q League' as they call it here in Pakistan) under the leadership of an ex-captain of the Pakistani Cricket team, Imran Khan. All the corrupt faces are back in Pakistan, Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), after being "baptized" and approved by the ISI. This is why the appeal for Imran Khan and his party has declined sharply amongst the educated middle class citizens, who were hoping to see a change, under the leadership of a "clean politician". The criticism became so sharp that Imran Khan had to concede that he could not build a team of angels from a country neck-deep in corruption. This is what Hizb ut-Tahrirhas been advocating for decades, you can never bring change through the corrupt system. In a democratic process, one has to depend on the same corrupt politicians to come to power and these politicians make sure that no law is enacted in the parliament, which challenges the status quo.

Real change can only occur by following the methodology of RasulAllah SAW, which requires us to build public opinion for the implementation of Islam and mandates the seeking of support from the people-of-power to uproot the current kufr system and establish the Khilafah. The notion that clean people within the corrupt system will bring change, is a complete farce. It is even more unlikely when the corrupt have already infiltrated to the highest echelons of the party and championed the slogan of "Change"!

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Having established America and India in Afghanistan, Pakistan's traitor rulers now work to bury Kashmir to raise them both over you

After launching a war on Afghanistan in 2001, in which it established a presence in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia, America is extending its campaign into the Indian Subcontinent and beyond towards its emerging rival, China. On 16 November 2011 in a major policy speech, US President Obama said, "As we end today's wars, I have directed my national security team to make our presence and missions in the Asia Pacific a top priority." Now America seeks to add more losses for the Muslims of the region, to those which they have already suffered over the last ten years. Moreover, rather than halting this growing menace, Pakistan's rulers assist America in every step, all the while deceiving the Muslims with false claims.

Using the false claim of "Pakistan First," Pakistan's rulers established America's dominance in Afghanistan. Without Pakistan's sea ports, land supply routes, air bases and air corridors, America could never have bombed tens of thousands of Muslims or invaded and occupied land locked Afghanistan. Then when America became caught in a quagmire due to fierce resistance from the Muslims of Afghanistan and Pakistan's tribal areas, Pakistan's rulers helped America to maintain its presence in Afghanistan by ensnaring Pakistan's armed forces in a wasteful war of Fitna. Capitalizing on Musharraf and Kiyani's opening doors to Afghanistan for it, America promptly replaced Pakistan's strong ties with Afghanistan with that of its own and India's. And remember America used its forces stationed in Afghanistan to invade deep into Pakistan and strike Abbotabad on 2 May 2011. Emboldened by Kiyani's weak kneed response, it is now threatening to attack the nuclear assets of the sole Muslim nuclear power. Yet, General Kiyani continues his participation in America's crusade today, even though it has already cost Pakistan 4,000 Muslim soldiers, tens of thousands of civilians, a $100 billion loss to its economy and a deep scar on its reputation. So, clearly this is all America First, not Pakistan First.

Using the false claim of "it's our war," Pakistan's rulers greatly expanded America's presence within Pakistan itself. Beginning with forty-four offices for America's FBI in the time of General Musharraf, under General Kiyani today, the American presence is such that the American military now roams around within Army General Head Quarters (GHQ) itself, as well as armed forces' bases and installations, free to spy and seek out their weaknesses. American intelligence and private military organizations supervise "false flag" attacks on mosques, markets, armed forces' installations and schools in the name of Taleban, as became clear in the Raymond Davis incident amongst others. Drones continue to launch attacks deep within Pakistan's territory, whilst Pakistan's rulers are now supervising a great expansion of America's fortress in Islamabad, masquerading as an embassy, as well as preparing the ground for an expansion of America's crusade into Pakistan's largest city and former capital, Karachi. So, clearly, this is America's war against Muslims, not our war.

Having assisted Musharraf in his treachery for over a decade, and now using a new false claim of playing a "double game" with America, decorated with a drama of words when hard action is required, General Kiyani is now helping America in her next essential damaging step, earning his service extension fully. His current movements are in accordance to America's desire to raise a regional block against its rising rival, China, a block that is to be led by India as the dominant force. So, under America's close supervision with extensive military and political contacting of Pakistani rulers by American officials, Pakistan's rulers are busy burying the occupied Kashmir issue and making an entire battery of "normalization" pacts with India, rewarding the Hindu State with access to the huge markets and resources of the Muslims, through Pakistan to the Middle East and Central Asia, all to raise India's dominance of the region. So, clearly this is a double game played by Kiyani against the Muslims and their armed forces to secure American interests further.

Pakistan's rulers pursue the American plan, even though it is well known that the Hindu has oppressed Muslims for more than sixty years, whenever it has had any degree of an upper hand. It is the Hindu State that fought Pakistan in 1965 and then worked with the colonialist kafir to divide

Pakistan in 1971. It is this Hindu State that has massacred tens of thousands Muslims and raped thousands of Muslim women in occupied Kashmir. From 28 February 2002, Hindu mobs martyred at least two thousand Muslims throughout Gujarat with official backing, with Muslim women and girls gang-raped and then burnt alive or cut to pieces to hide the evidence. Even the pregnant Muslim woman was not spared, who had her belly cut open whilst she is alive, so she is witness to the death of her own baby before she is killed. And Allah confirms the deep enmity of the mushrikeen towards the believers,

﴿لَتَجِدَنَّ اَشَدَّ النَّاسِ عَدَاوَةً لِّلَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوا الْيَهُوْدَ وَالَّذِيْنَ اَشْرَكُوْا﴾

"You will find the most vehement of mankind in hostility to those who believe (to be) the Jews and the mushrikeen." [Surah al-Maida 5:82]

O Muslims of Pakistan!

America has harmed you and is preparing even greater harm with the assistance of your own rulers, America has gained a presence in Afghanistan and Pakistan. To add to your woes, it is now is seeking to hoist the Hindu State over your heads. The role of your rulers has been to serve America fully and deceive you regarding its advancing steps. So, first Musharraf, assisted by his right hand man, Kiyani, claimed that they would save the economy, Kashmir, nuclear assets and Pakistan's international stature as a "Pakistan First" policy, if you allied with America and assisted its destruction of Afghanistan. The pitiful state of all these matters is before all but the blind. Then, when you sensed the loss to the Muslims and your deen, they started to say "it's our war." Then when you saw through this, they started to cry that it's a "double game." They lie and deceive, whilst a sincere leadership would take, within hours and days, the necessary steps to begin the removal of America from this region.

O Muslims of Pakistan!

Hizb ut-Tahrir has warned you of the American steps, before she took them and urged you to seize the hands of the traitor rulers. Hizb ut-Tahrir warns you again, knowing full well that both America and Britain are colluding to raise India against you, which means that their respective agents within Pakistan's political medium will join the rulers' fanfare of normalization with the Hindu State. Raise your voices loudly with that of Hizb ut-Tahrir to halt this next stage of treachery.

Know that alliance with the kuffar has always brought you harm and will always bring you harm. The Western colonialist is an enemy of the Muslims that shows no compassion, whenever he has the upper hand over you, he spares no evil. And above all, Islam does not permit you ally with the kuffar under any circumstances, whether it is co-ordinating or cooperating with her in any military issue, or granting her presence or intelligence or supplying her with lands routes, or establishing diplomatic missions. Allah said,

﴿يَآَيُّهَاالَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْالاَ تَتَّخِذُوْا عَدُوِّيْ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ اَوْلِيَآءَ تُلْقُوْنَ اِلَيْهِمْ بِالْمَوَدَّةِ﴾ ﴿اِنْ يَّثْقَفُوْكُمْ يَكُوْنُوْا لَكُمْ اَعْدَآءً وَّيَبْسُطُوْٓا اِلَيْكُمْ اَيْدِيَهُمْ وَ اَلْسِنَتَهُمْ بِالسُّوْٓءِ وَوَدُّوْا لَوْ تَكْفُرُوْنَ﴾

"O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies as allies, showing affection towards them."

"Should they gain the upper hand over you, they would behave to you as enemies, and stretch forth their hands and their tongues against you with evil, and they desire that you should disbelieve." [Surah Al-Mumtahina 601-2]"

O sincere Muslim officers of Pakistan's armed forces!

How can you allow traitors to hijack the Muslim World's most powerful and capable armed forces to serve America? How can you watch as America and India rise over you? Time is marching and the enemies of Muslims march against you, with the help of the traitors within your leadership. It is high time that you grant the Nussrah to Hizb ut-Tahrir for the establishment of the Khilafah. The Khilafah will work from the first day to maximise the potential of Pakistan's immense human and material resources, as well as work to unify the entire Ummah as the world's most resourceful state, as one hand against its cruel and brutal enemies. And, remember O brothers, above all our capabilities we have the greatest fortune, that Allah is our Lord, whilst the kuffar have none to support them against Him but themselves.

﴿وَلَا تَهِنُوْا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوْا وَاَنْتُمُ الْاَعْلَوْنَ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِيْنَ﴾

"Do not weaken nor grieve, for you will overcome them if you are (indeed) believers" [Surah Aali-Imran 3:139]

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Only the Khilafah will bring real change

Whenever the people's frustration rises to extreme levels anywhere in the Muslim World, from Tunisia to Bangladesh, the Western colonialist seeks to preserve the current, corrupt system, with a mere face-change and face-saving changes to a few laws. It is obvious these days, that to please their Western masters, the traitors within Pakistan's political and military leadership are creating a "King's Party" or a "Q-league" to quell the Ummah's anger against the system. But, the capitalist system is the actual cause of misery in Pakistan for over six decades, implemented by both dictators and democrats alike. Until this system is up-rooted and replaced by the Khilafah, no real change will ever occur. So, Hizb ut-Tahrir here wishes to provide you an overview of the Khilafah, which will not only save you from oppression in this world, it will save you from the anger of Allah in the Hereafter as well.

The ruling system of the current, capitalist system is based on the principle that man is sovereign and has the right to make laws as he wishes. This occurs in both democracy and dictatorship, so it is useless to limit debate to these two man-made systems. Both under democracy and dictatorship, Pakistan's laws are made to safeguard the interests of the colonialists or their agents within the political and military leadership. In contrast, in the Khilafah, the constitution and the laws are extracted from the Quran and the Sunnah exclusively. So, the Khaleefah and the elected men and women of the Majlis-e-Ummah, will not make laws as is the case in democratic assemblies today. Rather, they will advise and account all the rulers on the basis of their ruling by Islam, in a system where Allah alone is Sovereign. Allah ordered the Muslims decisively,

﴿اِنِ الْحُكْمُ اِلَّا لِلّٰهِ﴾

"The Rule is for none but Allah"
[Surah Yusuf 12: 67]

Similarly, the economic system in capitalism benefits the colonialist and the traitors within the political and military leadership, whilst oppressing tens of millions. Under the guise of "freedom of ownership," it allows the colonialist and their agents to own public resources and hence oppress the masses by selling these resources to them at unaffordable prices. Pakistan's current energy crisis is just one example. Power generation plants as well as oil and gas sector were privatized and their control was handed over to the colonialist, their companies and their agents. In the Khilafah system, public properties cannot be privatized rather the people are its actual owner, whilst the state only administers them on people's behalf. RasulAllah said,

((المُسلمون شُرَكَاءُ فِيْ ثَلاثٍ اَلْمَاء وَالْكِلاء وَالنَّار))

"The Muslims are partners in three things, waters, feeding pastures and fire" (Ahmad)

According to this hadith, all energy resources, including oil and gas wells, coal mines and electricity generation plants will never be privatized. So, the Khilafah will neither impose taxes on these public properties, nor profiteer from them. This will significantly reduce the prices of power and fuel, providing relief for the masses and new life to the crippled industry and agricultural sector. Moreover, Islam has mandated that the revenues generated through the export of these public properties are placed in the Khilafah's treasuries and spent on all the citizens of the Khilafah, regardless of their race, gender, language or religion.

The Khilafah's revenue generation also stands apart from the Capitalist system. RasulAllah said,

((لَا يَدُخُلِ الْجَنَّة صاحب مكَس))

"The collector of taxes will not enter heaven" (Ahmad)

According to this Hadith, nobody is allowed to tax the people at will and the revenues for the Khilafah's state treasury are only those ordained by Allah. This denies the ruler the oppressive "right" to impose taxation, whenever and however he likes. But the current system in Pakistan has provided democrats and dictators full authority to establish revenues which are not allowed in Islam. In fact, for the past sixty years, colonialist agent rulers have successively increased taxation to the point that today, GST and other indirect taxes make up more than half of the total revenue, causing misery for tens of millions. In Islam, the people's private property has sanctity and the Khilafah state cannot rob its citizens under the guise of "taxation". Only Allah decides which

revenues are fair as well as who should pay them. Islam has its own unique system of revenue collection, including revenue from public properties, such as gas and oil, agricultural production, such as ushr and kharaj, and industrial manufacture through Zakah on goods, which will generate funds for looking after the people, without oppressing them.

Only the Khilafah will bring real change to the foreign policy throughout the Muslim World. The laws of Islam mean that the Khaleefah will close all embassies and consulates of belligerent states such as those of America, Britain, Israel, India and Russia, putting an end to the conspiracies which these enemy outposts hatch against the Muslims. Moreover, the Khilafah will seek to incite a global revolt by all non-Muslim states, from Panama and Venezuela to Thailand and Korea, against the Western colonialist oppression. And the Khilafah will call the entire world to the Truth and Guidance of Islam.

Only the Khilafah will bring real change in domestic policy. Democracy regards other Muslim Lands as foreign, insisting on separate currencies, lands, treasuries and armies. Whereas in the Khilafah, from the first day, the Khaleefah will work to unify all the Muslim lands, as the largest and most resourceful state in the world, a state whose army, Bayt ul-Maal, resources and lands will be one and whose Muslims will be gathered as one Ummah, regardless of race or school of thought.

The Khilafah will provide protection of life, property and honour to all of its citizens whether Muslims or non-Muslims. Non-Muslims will be allowed to practice their religion in personal matter including marriage and religious rites. Women are allowed to adopt a profession of their choosing in the fields of education, engineering, medicine, politics, media, judiciary, whilst observing the laws of Islam governing gender relations and dress.

Only the Islamic judicial system will bring justice by implementing the Islamic laws. Justice cannot be provided through the current judicial system, inherited from the British colonialist. In the current system, calling for the end of colonialist hegemony or the establishment of the Khilafah is a crime, punished by abduction by agencies or imprisonment, whilst protecting the colonialist presence is an obligation. Not paying Jizya or Kharaj is not a crime, whilst not paying interest may lead a person to jail. Even an independent judge is forced to follow these kufr laws. In the Khilafah, all are equal before the law and no one can claim immunity, even the Khaleefah himself. There would be no room for laws to protect the ruling elite, such as the NRO, as there is no legislator, except Allah.

And these are only a few of the blessed laws of Islam that the Khilafah will implement, soon, inshaaAllah!

O Muslims of Pakistan!

On the one hand, the Western colonialists and the traitors within the military and political leadership are striving to save this rotten and collapsing system, yet again by democratic elections. On the other hand we have Hizb ut-Tahrir, which has prepared this Ummah over six decades so that it now calls for Islam and Khilafah and which has prepared a 190 article Khilafah constitution for implementation from the first hour of its establishment. Know that the Islamic system can never be implemented within the current democratic setup, as it leaves implementation of Islam to the whims of the colonialist and their agents. It is up to you now to turn aside from this kufr system and join Hizb ut-Tahrir in its march to establish the Khilafah. It is upon you to reject any sham elections in this system and demand from the sincere within Pakistan's armed forces to grant Hizb ut-Tahrir the Nussrah (Material Support) for real change by the establishment of the Khilafah.

Indeed, the implementation of the revealed true Deen, through the Khilafah, will not only bring prosperity to the entire Ummah, it will also be a beacon of hope for the people oppressed around the world by manmade, kufr law at a time when thousands of people are already on the streets of London and New York, marching against oppressive Capitalism. It is time now for the end of the oppressive rule and the establishment of the Khilafah. RasulAllah said,

((ثم تكون ملكاً جبريةً فتكون ما شاء الله أن تكون، ثم يرفعها
إذا شاء أن يرفعها،ثم تكون خلافةً على منهاج النبوة))

"Then there will be an oppressive rule, and things will be as Allah wishes them to be. Then Allah will end it when He wishes. Then there will be a Khilafah according to the method of Prophethood."

(Ahmad)

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The Financial Economic Crisis in Europe

Question:

On the evening of 12/11/2011 Silvio Berlusconi the Italian Prime Minister announced his resignation and three days previously on the evening of 09/11/2011 George Papandreou announced his resignation from the leadership of the Greek government due to the financial economic crisis that has plagued the two countries and in particular the sovereign debt crisis. And this was after the parliaments of these two countries passed austerity measures, for these two countries to be placed under the monitoring of the IMF and European negotiations so as to implement these measures to be included as part of what has been called the European rescue plan. And beside the two crises of these two countries which have reacted in the last few days there are similar potential crises that could occur in Ireland, Portugal and Spain and these have been continuous since two years. The sovereign debt crisis has even begun to stretch to France and she is one of the major countries of the Euro region just as she is one of the major states in the European Union. In addition it is interesting to note that all of these countries experiencing crises can be seen to fall in the Euro region.

The question is what is the extent of the effect of the crises upon the future of the Euro as well as the survival of its region encompassing 17 states from amongst the original 27 that comprise the European Union? And the question goes even beyond that and asks what is the future of the European Union as a whole?!

In addition does this have an effect on the other major world states, America, Russia and China in addition to Britain which although part of the European Union is not part of the Euro zone?

The answer:

1) The Greek sovereign debt crisis has affected the Euro region due to fear that Greece will fall behind in paying its debts which have reached 350 billion Euros ($482 Dollars). These debts are above its GDP by 160 % where the deficit in its budget had reached 13.6% with knowledge that the permitted deficit level within the EU is 3.5%. The European and IMF negotiations requested from Greece for it to implement austerity measures within a plan entitled the 'European rescue plan'. However Papandreou wanted to hold back from implementing more of these measures and he then called for a referendum relating to the acceptance of these measures and he was supported by five ministers including the minister of finance. However he was forced to give up the idea of holding a referendum when he was summoned by the Europeans to the French town of Cannes where they warned him that his country would not obtain any further funding if it did not implement the austerity plan. And on 11/10/2011 the international debt donors agreed to pay the sixth Greek debt payment of a value of 8 billion Euros. On 21/10/2011 the government decided to increase the austerity measures challenging the protesters and entering the country into a general paralysis as a result of general strikes and violent protests in Athens.

2) And it is known the beginning of recession and deflation was officially announced in November 2008 in Europe with the eruption of the international financial crisis from its centre America. Thereafter the financial and economic crises began to appear one after the other including a crisis in the stock markets, the collapse of companies and banks and the attempt of the states to save them by pumping huge amounts of money into them which represented a heavy burden upon these countries without solving or treating the problem and this is considered one of the reasons of the sovereign debt crisis. Meaning that this treatment is a reason for the increase in the disease and produced symptoms which were not additional side problems only but rather fundamental main problems. The crisis of the Euro became apparent when its value began to fall against the main international currencies and specifically the Dollar. And the most recent but not the last was the eruption of the crisis of sovereign debts meaning the crisis of nations debts where the income and GDP of the states is less than the built up debts and what it issues like treasury bonds. So when the income of the state and its GDP became less than the value of these debts which are in the form of bonds for a number of reasons and which are purchased by other states, banks and international financial institutions and then this state became unable to make the debt payments causing the value of the bonds to decrease and the debt interest rate to increase in addition to the value of insurances. The general debt then increases and the confidence in the ability to repay the debts

diminishes so nobody will accept its purchase but would rather try and get rid of them (the bonds), because the states possessing the bonds would not be able to repay them and as such their inability or incompetence becomes apparent. Due to this the crisis erupts affecting the whole economy of the state and even affects the political stability and the position of the governments. And this is what happened in Italy recently which led to the fall of the Berlusconi government just as this happened in Greece leading to the fall of the Papandreou government.

3) France and Germany are working to solve the problems of the Euro zone however it appears that there are differences between them and these have been considered to be fundamental in relation to how to manage the crisis and how to deal with it. This has been especially so because the subject of economy clashes with the subject of the sovereignty of nations. This is because France and Germany consider themselves the two great heads and leaders of the European Union. As such there is a competition behind the scenes between them concerning which one of them will have the main say within this union. This was remarked upon at a previous time by the chief of the office of the European Council for foreign relations in Berlin Ulrike Geurot when she directed these words to the states of the Union: "If you have come from two completely different directions then it is a certainty that they will clash with one another. However I hope that a positive dialogue can occur".(Reuters 20/05/2011).

And in accordance to this the difference between France and Germany has appeared in terms of their proposed treatments. France has presented the establishment of an Economic government as a treatment for these crises however Germany has proposed the establishment of an economic management meaning the establishment of structures and frameworks of work and the imposition of punishments and they did not agree to an Economic Government because it gives the impression that there is a higher entity than the will of European Governments which would dictate a specific economic policy upon everyone which would mean the causing of irritation to other states who would say that this would erode their sovereignty. For this reason this suggestion has yet to see the light of day. There is also a dispute in regards to economic growth as Germany has made hard adjustments to stimulate exports which had caused imbalances in the trade budgets which the European regions have not been able to cope with. And specifically Germany is recording large economic benefits whilst at the same time other states including France are showing a trading incompetence in the region of billions of Euros. Due to this France has requested from Germany to strengthen local demand and decrease taxes to encourage imports whilst Germany requested from the other states that they follow its example by lowering wages. There is also a difference in relation the European stabilization fund and increasing the support for it. Germany had increased its share in it from 123 Billion Euros to 211 Billion Euros after the German parliament agreed to this on the 29/09/2011 which indicates that Germany is very keen for the Euro to remain and is working for its continuance through support from the states of its region made up of 17 states. And the European states have agreed to strengthen the stabilization charter which is supposed to limit the deficits however this collapsed within the crisis. And amongst the suggestions made by Germany includes the freezing of international support to states which have permitted deficits to increase in their budgets a great deal. The European commission thought about this however they saw that this would not solve the problem but rather only prolong it. Germany also suggested freezing the voting rights of these states for a number of years as a minimum in relation to the decisions which are made at the level of the European Union which would render the role of the states experiencing difficulties in the Union to become ineffectual. Germany also suggested that the other states follow its example as well in limiting the deficit ceiling within their constitutions and to lay down procedures for announcing the bankruptcy of states which are suffering from large debts and which would have no choice except to leave the Euro zone.

However these suggested solutions require a change in the Lisbon Treaty that governs the European Union which only came in to existence after a difficult birth due to the sharp differences between the Union states which were keen to maintain sovereignty for themselves as independent states within the Union and they are not ready to make concessions for the interests of the collective. Due to this it is not easy to bring the Germany's suggestions into reality. The last German suggestion was put forward by the German finance minister Wolfgang Schaeuble when he called to:"Moving more of the political international and local jurisdictions from the states of the Euro Zone up to a European level so as to solve the sovereign debt crisis" where he indicated that: "The central European bank has an independence which

qualifies it to adopt a policy that would look after the interest of the group so that a state's interests are not considered at the expense of the other states". However he added to this saying: "That he has not until now reached an agreement about a shared (unified) European policy" (DBA 12/11/2011) and he admitted what it was facing in regards to Greece what he described as: "A mountain of problems". Prior to this there were statements from the German Chancellor Angela Merkel warning in them about the future of the Euro zone and she confirmed that: "Germany does not want to bankrupt any state because that would mean the bankruptcy of them all". She repeated this again on the 14/11/2011 saying in front of the conference of her Democratic Christian Party in Leipzig: "That Europe is living in its most difficult time since the second world war... and if the Euro failed then Europe would fail" which all indicates the existence of concerns towards the Euro and the cohesion of the Euro Zone.

The large number of suggestions from Germany and its warnings beside its support for the European Stabilization Fund and its agreement over raising the budget of the fund from 440 Billion Euros to a Trillion Euros all together indicates the extent of her concern in terms of treating the problem as well as the extent of her determination to keep unified European currency the Euro as well as to preserve and protect the Euro zone and even more the stability of the European Union as a whole. So it can be understood from this that Germany will not give up on, or free itself in the foreseeable future from the Euro, its zone and the European Union whilst acknowledging that the Euro is the secret to the success of this Union and its downfall would mean the downfall of the Union or its failure.

4) From another angle this crisis has presented an opportunity to America for it to exploit the crisis to turn the attention away from its own troubled financial and economic situation and that she is the real original source of the crisis. From a second angle it seeks to shake the confidence of the Europeans in regards to their Union and their currency and it is working to cause its downfall and failure with its Euro currency so as to diminish the international European influence which competes with her and especially in terms of economics and international politics. Indeed she wants to make it follow her and walk in its shadow and according to that it has began the work to aid her at a moral level so that she remains following her or so as to make her proceed under its shade. And America refused in the G20 Summit which was convened at the beginning of this current month the suggestions to increase the funds of the International Monetary Fund by double so as to move towards a solution for the Euro Zone. The secretary of state for finance Timothy Geithner before the convening of the finance ministers of the G20 states declared: "He supports supporting the Fund for Europe however what it has remaining of funds is sufficient to solve the problems of its debts" and he said: "That the United States of America is amongst the nations that are eager to continue the pressure upon the Europeans to take firm measures to end the debts crisis which has continued since two years" (Al-Jazeera 14/10/2011).

In addition famous credit rating companies like the institutions 'Standard and Poors' and 'Moody's and Fitch' are American companies that play a role in destabilizing the trust in the situations of these financing states where it has lowered the rating categorizations of Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece just as the company Moody's lowered in 7/10/2011 the rating categorization of quite a number of European banks which numbered 21 including the larger banks. The IMF has estimated that the losses of the European trading Banks total approximately 200 Billion Euros as a result of the Euro crisis since the last year in addition to the loss of assets being estimated at 100 billion Euros. And when attention is placed back to the credit rating then attention is also placed upon the rising level of unemployment in states where redundancies have increased in line with the financial crisis and the increase in private sector debts and budget deficits.

5) As for the position of Britain which is a major member of the EU, she stands on a corner on the edge of the Atlantic monitoring the European situation whilst working to protect itself from disasters of this Union and the financial crisis ramifications that it has also been struck by. She does not want to take part in the solving of the problems of the Union in the same way as she is seeking to make gains and spoils. She did not enter the Euro zone and did not give up its currency in addition to not showing any desire to adopt it. As such the Euro issue does not concern many and there are voices within Britain which are calling for it to exit from the EU so that pressure is not put upon her to join the Euro or to integrate further into the Union. Indeed she showed satisfaction at the expense of the Union when the foreign minister William Hague declared that: "The Euro will become a moment in history noted for its collective folly (stupidity)" and he compared the Euro zone to: "A burning building that has no fire escape doors" and he said that he was repeating what he had previously stated in 1998 as head of the Conservative party. And he said in an

encouragement to the Germans to free itself from the Euro: "It has specified that the Germans provide the support for the weak member states like Greece for the entirety of its existence!" (BBC 28/09/2011). The Prime Minister David Cameron said:: "The Euro crisis does not only represent a danger to European economy alone but rather the world economy in its entirety" (BBC 02/10/2011) and the European politicians are well aware of the extent of the British contempt. The Head of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso indicated this when he said: "It is upon the states of the Union which are not supportive of joining the Euro to not work to stand in the path of those states that wish to make progress in that direction" (Al-Jazeera 10/11/2011). Despite all of this Britain does not intend to exit from the EU as long as it remains standing because it is working to achieve economic gains from it in addition to the political gains on the world level when it works to pull Europe to take decisions which are in line with its interests. Its exit would be harmful to it and she had worked hard for many long years to enter it in the first place. Upon this the Prime Minister Cameron said: "The exiting of Britain from the European Union would not be in its National interests. If we were to find ourselves outside of the European Union we would be in situation similar to Norway meaning that we would be exposed to (and affected by) all of the decisions that are being issued from Brussels without being able to take part in making those decisions" (Eitar Tas Russia 14/11/2011) and at the same time he rejected giving up British Sovereignty when he called to: "The handing over of a large portion of the European Commission powers in Brussels to the national governments". So Britain does not want to exit from the European Union and at the same time it does not want to enter in to the Euro zone!

6) In regards to China and Russia then it is in their interest for the Euro to remain and that is so that it can stand in the face of America and in the face of the Dollar and its dictator like position in the world economy. However they are both not doing much for its sake because the position of the Euro beside the position of the EU as a whole is not positive towards them as this region and the Union impose upon them restrictions upon their trade and economic movement. Due to this they do not work energetically to aid it and the Chinese President Jintau who attended the recent G20 summit in Paris on the 3rd and 4th of this past month did not indicate any Chinese will to increase its investments in Europe and to buy treasury bonds from the Euro zone states and in particular the five most affected states: Italy, Greece, Portugal, Spain and Ireland and bought a small number of them to please Europe. Rather its president Jintao said when meeting the French President Sarkozy on the margins of the Summit of the G20 that it: "Is necessary for Europe to solve its crisis relying upon itself" (Reuters 06/11/2011) indicating in this statement the implicit refusal of China to support Europe which had requested from her (i.e. China) to support the 'European Stabilization Fund' which had raised its value to one Trillion Euros and was working to increase it to even more than that. This is at a time when China has supported the American economy through purchasing 1.14 Trillion Dollars of American Treasury bonds whilst they have reserves of the American currency to the level of 3.2 Trillion Dollars as studies have shown. In contrast America granted it large trading relaxations. However this political influence that America was able to employ so that China was able to support its economy is something that Europe does not have in regards to China.

7) In light of this the European Union has fallen under the stress of financial and economic crises as a result of the capitalist economic system and it is also falling under the threat of collapse and disintegration due to these continuing crises which if they afflict a certain place do not just affect that place but rather its harms are spread through the whole globe because the whole world is intertwined as a network in the capitalist economic system. A system which is making the people suffer under the weight of its crises and its repercussions. It is not possible to fix this system from the inside because its foundation is corrupted and rotten and it is not possible for a sound system to arise from it and as such it is necessary to look at a solution from outside it and indeed it is necessary to search for the correct system which emanates from a correct belief which complements human nature.

The world is in need of a system that is sound in its foundation and branches and this is not found except in the system that the creator of everything has placed before us, the Lord of the all creation who knows what is correct for his creation and this system will provide man with a tranquil economic life and replace the system that keeps man in worry and anguish:

﴿فَمَنِ اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى • وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنكًا﴾

"Whosoever follows My Guidance, will not lose his way, nor fall into misery. But whosoever turns away from My Message, verily for him is a life narrowed down." [Taha 123-124]

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Courts absolves members of Hizb ut-Tahrir in bomb blast case

Government conspiracy to falsely link Hizb ut-Tahrir with terrorism fails again!

A few months back, Peshawar police busied themselves in a ridiculous and futile exercise to falsely implicate Hizb ut-Tahririn terrorism and began harassing its members. Police registered a case against four members of Hizb of planting a bomb outside the house of a former MNA of Jamat-i-Islami. These shebaab were arrested at a rally, which was organized to end the American Raj and called for the establishment of the Khilafah. When the police could not break the brave shebaab under torture, they fabricated a bomb blast case against them. After several hearings, the government could not present any proof and the judge absolved these brave Shabab from this case.

This is not a first incident in which false cases being fabricated in order to implicate Hizb ut-Tahrirwith terrorism and to harass its members. This is the trademark of the Kuffar democratic system, where criminals are made rulers of the country but the callers to Islam are implicated in false cases. Without doubt, people know that Hizb ut-Tahriris a not militant and is an ideological political party which is peacefully struggling to establish the Khilafah upon the Methodology of Prophethood. So, the people cannot be deceived by this false propaganda against Hizb ut-Tahrir. These traitor rulers have transgressed all limits in order to prevent Islam and to please America. Recently, in Lahore, government thugs tried to abduct a member of Hizb but with the blessing of Allah they failed to do so. These traitor rulers choose not to see that the American army of "Raymond Davis's" who are involved in bomb blasts throughout the country, yet they are irked by and chase the sincere people who are carriers of Islam.

Gilani, Zardari, Pasha and Kiyani have reduced the Pakistani security agencies to America's watchdog, whose role is merely restricted to persecute, arrest and torture people who love Islam and are opposed to American tyranny. We warn the security agencies' personnel that they should not ruin their life in this world and the next for the sake of these traitors. Rather than helping the Kuffar and their agents, they should help and protect Islam and the Muslims. The recent NATO attack on Salala check post is a clear proof that America does not even care about killing you also in order to fulfill its interest. We warn Zardari, Kiyani, Pasha and Gilani that their days are numbered and the establishment of Khilafah is imminent and the day is not far away when they will be tried for treason against Islam and Muslims inshaaAllah.

Naveed Butt
The Official Spokesman of Hizb ut-Tahrir in Pakistan

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HIZB UT-TAHRIR INDONESIA

Prosperity for people of Papua and end of disintegration

HTI Press. Hundreds of activists of Hizb ut-Tahrir Indonesia participated in a rally to reject the separatist movement in Papua, on Tuesday afternoon (13/12) at the Roundabout Hotel Indonesia, Jakarta.

On the sidelines of the protest, Farid Wadjdi a member of political department of HTI warned Papuans that disintegration was not the solution to the poverty that afflicts them. He also pointed out that the separation of East Timor from Indonesia did not make the people prosperous.

"The poverty in Papua or East Timor is due to the implementation of the capitalist system by the government," he said.

Capitalist system permits foreign interveners, including the imperialist US, to rob Indonesia's natural resources. They conspire with the government.

"Therefore, Sharia and the Khilafah are the solutions. Because the Khilafah will never give a chance for these thefts to occur," he said.

Farid also explained that the Islamic Sharia obliges the Khilafah to manage the public resources, including gold mine in Timika, for the welfare of every individual of the people, including the people of Papua.

"Therefore, HTI offers Shariah and Khilafah as a solution to ensure the welfare of the people and to unify and integrate the state" he concluded.

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News from all around the World

OECD: euro collapse would have 'highly devastating outcomes' worldwide

The collapse of the euro could send the world's advanced economies into a severe recession, dragging emerging markets with them into the mire, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development warned on Monday. The Paris-based think-tank slashed its forecast for growth among its 34 members from 2.3% half a year ago to 1.6%, with Europe dramatically downgraded from 2% to just 0.2% because of the unresolved sovereign debt crisis. Pier Carlo Padoan, OECD chief economist, made plain in the body's latest six-monthly economic outlook that the greatest threat to global economic health comes from the euro zone rather than from the tax-and-spend gridlock in the US Congress. In his introduction to the report he said: "Recent contagion to countries thought to have relatively solid public finances could massively escalate economic disruption if not addressed". In a devastating critique of euro zone leaders' hesitancy and dilatoriness, he said: "The scenario so far is that Europe's leaders have been behind the curve. We believe this could be very serious."

UK Police insist they have are justified to spy on Muslims in the masjid

Muslim organizations in one of Britain's largest cities are warning that the use of undercover police to infiltrate mosques is destroying relations between communities and the police. "It is alarming, you've got one community that is being targeted," Yasmin Dar, a member of the Greater Manchester Police Mosques and Community Forum, told the BBC. "I've not heard of any cases of undercover officers going into churches or synagogues, so why a particular faith?"Relations with the police have hit rock bottom. It has created a lot of mistrust with the police." But a senior police official said that undercover policing at mosques throughout the UK would continue and had proved invaluable in providing intelligence that had thwarted "numerous" terrorist plots in the past five years. "I promise you that, if there was a terror threat from Hindus, Jews or Christians, we would be in their temples, synagogues and churches like a shot," he said. "During the decades of The Troubles in Northern Ireland, Protestant and Catholic groups were regularly infiltrated."The fact is that the principal terror threat in Britain at present is being posed by a very small number of young fanatics, often organized by groups operating in or around mosques. These are the people that we all want to see stopped, including the overwhelming majority of British Muslims."

Egypt: America and the generals plan to crush the opposition

A group of customs employees at the Suez seaport have revealed that the Egyptian Ministry of Interior is in the process of receiving 21 tons of tear gas from the US. The claim was supported by Medhat Eissa, an activist in the coastal city of Suez, who provided documents he says he obtained from a group of employees at the Suez Canal customs. The employees have been subjected to questioning for their refusal to allow an initial seven ton shipment of the US-made tear gas canisters enter the port. A group of employees at the Adabiya Seaport in Suez have confirmed, with the documents to prove it, that a three-stage shipment of total 21 tons of tear gas canisters is on course for the port from the American port of Wilmington. Employees say the container ship Danica, carrying seven tons of tear-gas canisters made by the American company Combined Systems, has already arrived at the port, with two similar shipments from the same company expected to arrive within the week.

West should embrace "Arab Spring" Islamists - Qatar

Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani was quoted on Thursday as saying Islamists were likely to represent the next wave of political power in the Arab world and that the West should embrace them. Thani said in an interview with the Financial Times that moderate Islamists could assist in fighting what he called extremist ideology. "We shouldn't fear them, let's cooperate with them," said Thani, whose Gulf Arab state is home to Al Jazeera television. "We should not have a problem with anyone who operates within the norms of international law, comes to power and fights terrorism," he said. In Egypt, which is holding its first free election in six decades, the

Muslim Brotherhood expects to pick up two-fifths of the vote for an assembly that might limit the power of the generals. Tunisia ousted its leader in the first "Arab Spring" revolution this year, and in the country's first democratic election Tunisians elected a coalition government in October led by the moderate Islamist Ennahda party.

Report: 'US used nukes on Iraq, Afghanistan'

The United States has used tactical nuclear weapons in its military campaign against Iraq and Afghanistan, a Middle East expert tells Press TV. "Tactical nuclear weapons were used, at least one in Iraq and several were used in Afghanistan -in the Tora Bora mountains," Peter Eyre, a Middle East consultant, said. Eyre pointed out that the atomic bomb dropped on Afghanistan's Tora Bora region was so powerful that it actually created an earthquake there. The analyst went on to say that the use of such lethal weapons by US military, which is a gross violation of the Geneva Convention, has been sanctioned by the US presidents; thus they should be prosecuted for war crimes.

America gloats and refuses to say sorry for the massacre of Pakistani soldiers

The White House said US President Barack Obama will not issue a formal apology or condolences on the death of 24 Pakistani soldiers in a Nato attack on the Pak-Afghan border, said a report by The New York Times. However, the State Department officials feel that there is a need for such an apology to mend the straining relationship between the two countries, according to the report. The report stated that US Ambassador to Pakistan Cameron Munter, through a video conference, told White House officials that the anti-American sentiment has reached its peak in Pakistan stressing the need for a formal apology by the US. But the White House argued that condolences offered by senior US officials and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were enough till the US completes its investigations into the matter, the report said. "The US government has offered its deepest condolences for the loss of life, from the White House and from Secretary Clinton and Secretary Panetta," said Tommy Vietor, spokesman for the National Security Council, referring to Defense Secretary Leon E Panetta, "and we are conducting an investigation into the incident. We cannot offer additional comment on the circumstances of the incident until we have the results."

American barbarians adopt new set of values not even found amongst animals

The Senate on Thursday evening voted 93-7 to approve a defence authorization bill that includes a provision which not only repeals the military law on sodomy, it also repeals the military ban on sex with animals--or bestiality. The Senate Armed Services Committee had unanimously approved S. 1867, the National Defense Authorization Act. Family Research Council President Tony Perkins said the effort to remove sodomy from military law stems from liberal Senate Democrats' and President Obama's support for removing the military's Don't Ask Don't Tell policy. "It's all about using the military to advance this administration's radical social agenda," Perkins told CNSNews.com. "Not only did they overturn Don't Ask Don't Tell, but they had another problem, and that is, under military law sodomy is illegal, just as adultery is illegal, so they had to remove that prohibition against sodomy." Perkins said removing the bestiality provision may have been intentional--or just "collateral damage". "Well, whether it was inadvertent or not, they have also taken out the provision against bestiality," he said. "So now, under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), there's nothing there to prosecute bestiality."

This is the US Army that Obama recently praised for being extraordinary in Iraq. Apart from killing, torturing, maiming and humiliating people such as the Abu Ghraib incident, America has legalised more evil for their uncivilised troops to commit against humans and animals.

Eurozone crisis poses military risk, warns UK defence chief

Defence chiefs are drawing up plans to cope with the potential military fallout from the eurozone crisis, according to General Sir David Richards. It is understood that Armed Forces planners are looking at the possibility that a new global financial crash could undermine the defence forces of key British allies. The head of the Armed Forces warned that economic issues pose a "strategic risk" to Britain. Senior British commanders and officials are concerned that US plans to cut defence spending will be followed by other allies in Europe and elsewhere. Reductions in allied military capabilities could put a greater burden on Britain's stretched forces in Afghanistan and elsewhere, it is

feared. The military planning work has come to light after The Daily Telegraph disclosed last month that British embassies in the eurozone have been told to prepare emergency plans for the demise of the euro and the possible civil disorder that could follow. Senior ministers are increasingly convinced that the break-up of the single currency is a real possibility. Economists suggest that the failure of the euro could cause EU economies, including Britain's, to shrink by up to eight per cent. Gen Richards, the Chief of the Defence Staff, said economic issues present the biggest threat to Britain and its interests in the world. "I am clear that the single biggest strategic risk facing the UK today is economic rather than military," he told the Royal United Services Institute. When Allah (SWT) intends to grant victory to His (SWT) servants He (SWT) prepares the means that lead to the victory. The global financial crisis that started in 2008 is now causing the crusaders to reduce their military capabilities as well as to focus more on domestic riots. How true then are the words of Allah (SWT):" Verily, those who disbelieve spend their wealth to hinder (men) from the Path of Allah, and so will they continue to spend it; but in the end it will become an anguish for them. Then they will be overcomed." [TMQ: AlAnfal:36]

US Senator wants India to send its troops to Afghanistan

With the gradual withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan, time has now come for India to send its military inside that country, a top American lawmaker has said. "It makes sense for the two largest democracies to be military allies. On Afghanistan, India, as you know, as a security establishment, is already fighting over 30 insurgencies or guerilla operations," Senator Mark Kirk said at a discussion forum organised by Washington-based think tank, Foreign Policy Initiative. "The Indian security establishment well understands this challenge. I think can correctly perceive that moving terror from North or South or general parts of Dafatan into secured bases around Kabul with the fall of the Karzai government would represent a long-term real security threat for India," he said. The US Senator said over the long term, it makes sense for India to send a key signal to Afghan politicians- "look, we know the Americans are leaving. We know the Haqqani's are bidding, but we are now stepping in here. We will bank roll you". "If you ask who the winning side is, which is the critical question in Afghanistan, it's us. We have made the decision as a country to outbid Pakistan so that this country is not a terror base against us, and the United States should encourage that," he said.

Day by day, the intention of the American crusader is becoming clear. The Americans do not see any role in Afghanistan for Pakistan. Rather they want the Hindu Mushriks to play a greater role in spilling Muslim blood and subjugating them to the crusader occupation. Allah (SWT) says: "And those who disbelieve are allies to one another, (and) if you (Muslims of the whole world collectively) do not do so (i.e. become allies, as one united block with one Khalifah - chief Muslim ruler for the whole Muslim world to make victorious Allah's Religion of Islamic Monotheism), there will be Fitnah (wars, battles, polytheism, etc.) and oppression on earth, and a great mischief and corruption (appearance of polytheism)."[TMQ: Al Anfal:73]

Pakistan tries to counter US overtures to impose financial penalties

The diplomatic crisis between Pakistan and the US deepened on Tuesday as both sides began moves to impose financial penalties on the other in the wake of a Nato air strike that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers. Congressmen pushed through a bill this week to halt $700m (£450 million) in aid to Pakistan. Whilst Islamabad considers slapping millions of dollars in tax on Nato trucks and tankers that use its roads to supply international forces in Afghanistan.

How idiotic is the leadership of Pakistan? They want to tax America, and at the same time provide the crusaders with fuel to perpetrate further attacks against Pakistan. Surely the way to hurt America is to sever all links and repel any form of aggression against Pakistan. If Iran with its much weaker army and fighting ability can disarm America's latest drone plane, what is stopping Pakistan from doing likewise

Europe is weeks away from economic collapse

Europe is only weeks away from economic collapse, former International Monetary Fund head Dominique Strauss-Khan told the Financial Times during a conference in Beijing . "Investors' confidence in European leaders is bleeding out day after day," Strauss-Khan said. The former IMF head noted that the €640 billion bailout plan being launched would be too slow, as it requires the approval of all euro zone parliaments, a process that will take some two months. Strauss-Khan also

expressed doubt about the new fiscal treaty for Europe that Germany is pushing. The treaty would require all members to meet a deficit target of 3% of the GDP and fine nations that are in violation. "What will happen if a nation that is fined refuses to pay?" Strauss-Khan asked. "The answer is - nothing."

In Islamic law, Gingrich sees a mortal threat to U.S.

Long before he announced his presidential run this year, Newt Gingrich had become the most prominent American politician to embrace an alarming premise: that Shariah, or Islamic law, poses a threat to the United States as grave as or graver than terrorism. "I believe Shariah is a mortal threat to the survival of freedom in the United States and in the world as we know it," Mr. Gingrich said in a speech to the American Enterprise Institute in Washington in July 2010 devoted to what he suggested were the hidden dangers of Islamic radicalism. "I think it's that straightforward and that real. Stealth jihadis use political, cultural, societal, religious, intellectual tools; violent jihadis use violence," Mr. Gingrich said in the speech. "But in fact they're both engaged in jihad, and they're both seeking to impose the same end state, which is to replace Western civilization with a radical imposition of Shariah." Echoing some Republicans in Congress, Mr. Gingrich blasted the Obama administration's policy of declining to label terrorism carried out in the name of militant Islam as "Islamic" or "jihadist." Administration officials say such labels can imply religious justification for a distortion of doctrine that most Muslims abhor, thus smearing an entire faith.

Turkey withdraws ambassador and freeze military and economic ties

Turkey's ambassador was to leave Paris Friday in a row with France over a law making it a criminal offence to deny that a massacre of Armenians by Ottoman troops in 1915 amounted to genocide. Ankara froze military and diplomatic ties with Paris on Thursday after the French parliament approved the draft law, while the Turkish embassy in Paris said its ambassador had been recalled and would leave Friday. "This is politics based on racism, discrimination and xenophobia," Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Thursday, warning of "irreparable damage" to relations and suspending political visits between the two NATO allies. "From now on we are revising our relations with France," he added. "There was no genocide committed in our history. We do not accept this." Under the draft law, people can be jailed for a year and fined 45,000 euros for denying that the killings of hundreds of thousands of Armenians by Ottoman Turk forces during World War I amounted to genocide. In retaliation, Turkey's premier said the country would rule on a case-by-case basis on any French request to use Turkish airspace or military bases and would turn away French military vessels from Turkish ports. Turkey would also boycott an economic committee meeting in Paris in January, Erdogan said -- a move that will worry business leaders in both countries fearful for the fate of 12 billion euros ($16 billion) in annual trade.

Iraq is a mess: Fruits of US democracy

"Let us stipulate some ugly facts up front. Iraq remains a weak state. The political institutions are-charitably-immature. The business climate is not overly attractive and corruption is endemic. Were it not for oil, there would be no real economy. There is a serious terrorism problem. Relationships with all the neighbouring states are problematic. Sectarian divides remain tense, with some key fault lines unresolved. The country's armed forces remain incapable of defending its international borders. Given all these facts, it is still very possible that Iraq could revert to its previous state of dysfunction, or find a new variety into which to fall. The chaos of the last few days in Baghdad-in which the Shi'a Prime Minster has pursued charges against his Sunni Vice President, with the latter taking refuge among the Kurds-is likely a precursor of the sort of political drama we can expect for some time to come"(The New Republic).

Iran prepares for war games as tensions with West increase

Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari on Thursday announced the upcoming launch of ten-day massive naval exercises in the international waters, the local satellite Press TV reported. Sayyari said at a press conference on Thursday that the naval manoeuvres dubbed Velayat 90 will start on Saturday and will cover an area of 2,000 (1,250-mile) km stretching from the east of the Strait of Hormuz in the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Aden, the report said. This is the first time that Iran's Navy carries out naval

drills in such a vast area, he was quoted as saying. He said that the exercises will manifest Iran's military prowess and defence capabilities in the international waters, convey a message of peace and friendship to regional countries and test the newest military equipment among other objectives, said the report.

Pakistani army rejects US report on airstrikes

The Pakistani army on Friday rejected a U.S. investigation that concluded mistakes on both sides led to American airstrikes last month that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers and severely damaged the already strained relationship between the two countries. The response indicates the report will do little to ease tensions, a worrying development for the U.S. because Pakistan's cooperation is critical for the Afghan war. The Pakistani army has said its troops did nothing wrong and claimed the attack was a deliberate act of aggression. Pakistan has retaliated by closing its Afghan border to supplies meant for NATO troops in Afghanistan and kicking the U.S. out of a base used by American drones. NATO officials have said the closure of the supply route has not affected operations so far, but it would eventually if not reversed. The army "does not agree with the findings of the US/NATO inquiry as being reported in the media," the force said in a short statement sent to reporters shortly after midnight Friday. "The inquiry report is short on facts." The army will provide a detailed response after officials receive the report, it said. Pakistan refused to cooperate in the investigation. Even though U.S. officials on Thursday accepted some of the blame for the attack on two army posts along the Afghan border, they did not apologize for the incident, as many Pakistanis have demanded. Instead, the U.S. said its forces were fired on first and acted "with appropriate force" in self-defence.

UK prepares emergency measures for euro collapse to prevent an influx of people and money

Ministers are considering draconian plans to prevent a flood of money and people heading to Britain from Europe if the ailing single currency collapses. Experts fear that the collapse of the euro would lead to the widespread movement of both people and money - with potentially damaging consequences for Britain if left unchecked. The Treasury has drawn up contingency plans to prevent investors shifting huge sums of cash from the Eurozone to Britain - amid fears it could lead to a surge in the value of the Pound. And it emerged yesterday that Britain's borders could also be temporarily sealed against economic refugees from Europe if the collapse of the euro sparks widespread civil unrest on the Continent. The Foreign Office is also working on contingency plans for the emergency evacuation of thousands of British expats and holidaymakers from stricken countries. Ministers fear the break-up of the euro could have a devastating effect on Britain, dashing hopes of a recovery and sending the economy back into recession.

Britain can plan all it wants to deal with the collapse of the euro, as it is not immune from the structural economic problems affecting all western economies. And most likely it too will become a victim of its own financial system. Allah says: "And (then unbelievers) plotted and planned, and Allah too planned, and the best of planners is Allah."[TMQ Al-Imran: 54]

Syria: Arab observers witness death and destruction but it is not enough

Violence has escalated across Syria as the Arab League observers continue their mission to find signs of a brutal crackdown. Activists claim troops opened fire on unarmed protesters, killing at least six. The Arab League began their one-month mission on Tuesday, starting in the city of Homs where scores of protesters have been killed. They were greeted by angry crowds who feel the Arab League's presence is doing nothing to bring an end to the violence. They spent two days visiting problem districts of Baba Amr, Bab Sbaa and Inshaat. The clashes come as Syrian activists and human rights groups voiced concern over whether the Sudanese general leading the Arab League mission is an appropriate choice. They claim his own defiance of war crimes tribunal relating to Darfur means he may not display balanced judgement. But the Arab League has said it is confident that the experience of General Mustafa al Dabi will enable him to assess the situation in Syria properly.

What a farce the Arab observer delegation as become. After having observed death and destruction on the streets of Syria, they still require more proof of Assad's brutal killing machine.

Likewise, the unwillingness of the world powers and regional countries to take any action as they did in Libya, points to collusion with Assad's regime to give it more time to crush the uprising. It is clear that the despotic leaders of the region have thrown their weight behind Assad and want him to prevail, so they can feel secure on their throwns.

Iran threatens to block the straits of Hormuz

Iran would find it 'really easy' to close the world's most important oil transit channel, the Strait of Hormuz at the Gulf's entrance, but would not do so right now, Iran's navy chief said Wednesday. "Shutting the strait for Iran's armed forces is really easy - or as we say (in Iran) easier than drinking a glass of water," Admiral Habibollah Sayari said in an interview with Iran's Press TV. "But today, we don't need (to shut) the strait because we have the Sea of Oman under control, and can control the transit," he said. Sayari was speaking a day after Iran's vice president, Mohammad Reza Rahimi, threatened to close the strait if the West imposed more sanctions on Iran, and as Iran's navy held wargames in international waters to the east of the channel. In response to Iranian threats, the US Fifth Fleet said, "Anyone who threatens to disrupt freedom of navigation in an international strait is clearly outside the community of nations; any disruption will not be tolerated."

The Iranian leadership displays a set pattern of rhetoric and empty threats, which ranges from the Jewish State's oppression of the Palestinians to America's crusade in Iraq and Afghanistan. If the Iranian leadership was sincere it would have acted long ago to protect the interests of the ummah and Islam. Instead, they pretend to champion Islamic causes, while providing active assistance to the West in putting down the uprising in Syria and dimming the resistance in Afghanistan against the US occupation. Allah says: "They (think to) deceive Allâh and those who believe, while they only deceive themselves, and perceive (it) not!" [TMQ:al-Baqarah:9]

Turkish police arrest youths for insulting Israel

Turkish police have arrested 30 youths after they began an anti-Israeli protest during a basketball match between Turkey and Israel in the central Turkish city of Kayseri. Police entered the basketball stadium in Kayseri city after a crowd of Turkish spectators, waving Palestinian flags, began the protest. As the protest continued, Israeli players left the playing ground. "They have been accused of insulting Israel," the police said, referring to the Turkish protesters. This is not the first time the Israeli players have been forced off the court. In 2009, Israeli players left the court when some 3000 Turkish fans disrupted a basketball game in the capital city of Ankara.

What can one expect from the likes of Erdogen who was insulted publicly by Shimon Perez, and his country not only refuses to apologies for the Mavi flotilla killings but is currently contemplating to recognizing the so called Armenian genocide. Furthermore, how it is that protesting against Israel's is regarded as a crime and is punishable, whereas the punitive killings in Palestine by Israel are not treated by Erdogen as a crime.

Director Swiss Bank said that Pakistan has 97 billion dollars in Swiss Banks

Recently the Director of a Swiss Bank said 'Pakistanis are poor but Pakistan isn't a poor country.' He added that 97 billion dollars of Pakistan is deposited in respective bank and if this money would be utilized for the welfare of Pakistan and its people then Pakistan can make tax less budget for 30 years, can create 60 million jobs, can carpet four lanes road from any village to Islamabad, endless power supply to five hundred social projects, every citizen can get 20000 rupees salary for the next 60 years and there is no need to see IMF and any World Bank for loans.

This is not the first time accusations of such nature have been made against the elite in Pakistan. Many sources have indicated that Pakistan has both the money and the resources to become a major power in the world. But as long as the people seek change through the inept and corrupt systems of democracy or dictatorship, the elite will continue to fleece them and deprive Pakistanis of their rights. The current political reconfiguration of Imran Khan's PTI party with ex Musharraf cronies and corrupt politicians from PPP and PML-N is not change but efforts to protect the status quo. Only through the re-establishment of the C*****, will Muslims of Pakistan be free from the tyranny and oppression of the elite class. Allah Says;"… whosoever follows My guidance, will not lose his way nor fall into misery."[TMQ: Taha:123]

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Hizb ut Tahrir demonstrates against NATO attack and the killing of dozens of Pakistani soldiers

Hizb ut Tahrir conducted demonstrations in Peshawar, Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad against the killings of dozens of Pakistani troops by the NATO attack in Mohmand Agency. Protesters were carrying banners and placards inscribed with slogans such as: "O Pak Army! Respond to NATO attack, End American war, uproot US embassy and Consulates". The speakers addressing the protests said that if these agent rulers had taken an honorable stance regarding the Angorada attack and the Abbotabad operation and had retaliated in kind, stone for stone, rock for rock, America would never have dared attacked today. The traitors amongst the political and military leadership are



Hizb's Protest at Karachi



Hizb's Protest at Islamabad

the ones who are really responsible for this attack. They have encouraged the U.S to repeatedly attack, the nuclear-armed world's seventh largest, armed forces. They said that it is these traitors that keep the NATO supply line operational, grant Blackwater and CIA agents visas, allow the expansion of U.S. embassies and consulate offices, grant U.S. troops access to the GHQ and side with the enemy in this American war against Pakistan. The speakers also demanded from the sincere officers in the Pakistan armed forces to immediately grant Nussrah (Material Support) to Hizb ut Tahrir to establish the Khilafah, so that the Khilafah can implement these measures and compel America to be ejected from this region like a rabid dog. In the end the protesters dispersed peacefully chanting slogans "Ummah's strength - Khilafah" and "uproot democracy establish Khilafah."

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Hizb’s Protest at Peshawar and Lahore



Hizb ut-Tahrir organized a conference in Tunisia



Hizb ut-Tahrir organized a protest at Cairo Egypt.

Authority and Accountability in the Khilafah

The vocal demands of Muslims around the globe for an Islamic State can no longer be ignored either by politicians, policymakers of secular states or the 'RasulAllah (PBUH)s' of globalization. The re-establishment of an Islamic political authority as an effective defence against a multitude of perceived victimizations of the Islamic world is gaining credence in all strata of Muslim society.

Currently, economic and scientific development is attributed to the post-Enlightenment rise of secular western liberal democracies. Indeed, governments that are accountable, freedom of association and human rights seem to be newfound gems belonging only to modern societies. So, when discussion of an alternative Islamic political system or authority is raised, proponents of such alternatives face expressions of incredulity and are quizzed about the wisdom of returning to an authoritarian system of governance, where the citizens' right to account their rulers is denied. The ghosts of the 'authoritarian' haunt many, including those who are contemplating an Islamic system of governance. Those who are calling for the establishment of an Islamic State are told that only the integration of broad aspects of western political thought and political experience will enable Islam to survive as a meaningful political force - particularly in the area of democratic institutions. [1]

This article aims to explore the nature of authority, particularly the precarious relationship between 'the authoritative' and 'the authoritarian', as the former can quite easily become the latter when enforcement capability is acquired.

The Nature of Authority

Discussion about the Islamic State cannot take place without debating what constitutes authority in Islam.There is no agreement on a single social theory of authority as far as society is concerned; there are only multiple perspectives that are plausible. In Michel Foucault's words: "Each society has its regime of truth, its 'general politics' of truth: that is, the types of discourse which it accepts and makes function as true". [2] Indeed, the idea of authority is always contentious in any legal and political system, despite a general consensus that no society can function effectively without a unified legal system under some form of authority.

The law in any society demands our obedience and hence authority over us. The main problem people have with authority is the degree of submission of reason and of self-autonomy to it. It is in the nature of authority that it requires submission; even if one thinks that what is requested is irrational. [3] Similarly the principle of autonomy entails action on one's own judgement. Since authority sometimes requires action against one's own judgement, it requires abandoning one's moral autonomy. [4]

Authority therefore, in a certain sense, goes against the very fabric of rational thinking and autonomy. If this is the case, then those who believe in authority are subsequently committed to a somewhat irrational belief. However, others who may be critical of the legitimacy of any authority, or most authorities, from both a rational and moral perspective, will still be deterred by the thought that no authority can ever be legitimate. Despite such apparent paradoxes, authority in the shape of a 'political authority' is recognized as a necessity for human society. Without it agreement on how a society should function or how systems of the state should be implemented cannot be realized. The Islamic society at its inception recognised obedience to such an authority based in the belief of existence of God (Allah) and the authenticity of His communication:The Qur'an,

"Obey Allah and obey the RasulAllah and those in authority amongst you." [5] (TMQ:4:59)

Types of Authority

Further distinction should be made regarding what form of authority is being referred to in any discussion. Terms such as 'coercive authority' and 'persuasive authority' [6] or being 'in authority' and being 'an authority' [7] need to be distinguished before discussion of the Islamic context.

Coercive authority is the ability to direct the conduct of another person through enforcement mechanisms such as benefits, threats or punishment attempting to leave the person no option but to comply with directives. These enforcement mechanisms are attributed usually to someone 'in authority', meaning someone occupying an official or structural position and hence empowered to command obedience. Political authority with such enforcement mechanisms is essentially coercive authority.

Persuasive authority involves the ability to direct the belief and conduct of a person through trust. The dynamics are different to coercive authority in the sense that a person surrenders his autonomy of

judgment to the perceived special knowledge, judgment and wisdom of 'an authority'. This person or body is considered as 'authoritative' on a particular given matter by the person who is persuaded by their authority.

Coercive authority does not require the surrender of private judgment. The private conscience of the submitting person is irrelevant to such authority as long as there is obedience. Social philosopher Richard Friedman argues that relying on someone who is an authority involves establishing a common ground where the person who is an authority and the person deferring to him, both agree on a shared framework in a particular field of knowledge. This includes understanding what is accessible to the human in terms of knowledge and insight, even though the person obeying acknowledges that he is himself deprived from that knowledge or experience through the lack of necessary learning, wisdom, opportunity, revelation, etc. [8] Friedman views that deference to persuasive authority necessarily means a surrendering of independent judgement and reasoning. [9]

Professor Abou El Fadl (UCLA) considers Friedman too restrictive in his view of authority as he argues that just because a person expects an explanation for a particular issue from an expert or an (persuasive) authority does not necessarily relegate his or her authoritativeness to that person. [10]

In the context of discussing the types of authority both the persuasive and coercive elements are at play in the Islamic political system.

Authoritarianism

Political authorities that stifle debate within wider society, whether it be to do with public policy, the conduct of politicians, or lack of transparency, are generally considered to be authoritarian. Political authorities within the Muslim world are often labelled as authoritarian, whether they claim to be secular or religious as they have a legacy of repression. The accusation of authoritarianism within a political system cannot be levied only at the Muslim world or indeed any 'religion' based systems. Robert Michels, a political theorist, convincingly argued in his classic treatise on democracies that all political systems, including democracies, are under the strong grip of what he named the Iron Law of Oligarchy. Michel argues that political systems suffer very powerful pressures towards centralization and oligarchy, and that these pressures are a natural tendency within all human organizations. [11] There are various degrees of authoritarianism; even very 'democratic' and 'liberal' states are authoritarian to some extent, for example in areas of national security. The coercive measures undertaken by a state to ensure conformity can easily lead to authoritarianism.

Secularism delegates religion to personal life, and it strictly forbids its entertainment within the political sphere of society. A person is free to give authority to whatever spiritual basis he wishes for self morality. In this circumstance it is acceptable to succumb to the 'persuasive authority' of religion regardless of the nature of such persuasion. However, to bring this spiritual aspect of authority from the private sphere into the realm of political life, where one can be coerced into obedience via state mechanisms leads to authoritarianism as far as secularism is concerned; this is supported by the European historical experience of unaccountable clerics and rulers.

The Islamic creed has a political system that has a concept of authority as one of the means to unify society under its system. It is assumed that because the belief in God is central to the Islamic system, an Islamic political system is thought to be like any other religious state and thus intrinsically authoritarian.

The Nature and Source of Authority in Islam

The concept of authority and its place in Islam has to be discussed in the context of Islamic law (Shari'ah). Examination of the Islamic creeds demonstrates that they are at odds with Plato's idealism, as Islam maintains that the material which constitutes the world is a reality that is independent of reason. It also contradicts Karl Marx's realistic materialism, as it does not believe that material is the basis of all existence. Rather, the Islamic belief transcends both matter and reason, towards an eternal cause, considered to be the basic principle that underpins the source of all that we can comprehend of this world both at the material and abstract levels. This eternal and infinite cause is God (Allah) according to the Islamic creed, and He is the creator of all existence and this is the central tenet of the Islamic system. [12]

Islam means submission to the will of Allah. This has been the most common explanation of the word Islam. Submission to Allah is the dominant principle present in all manifestations of Islam: in its ideas, forms, ethics and worship. This submission inherently acknowledges an authority. In Islamic thought, ultimate authority for any determination resides in Allah. Allah is the ultimate authority both in sovereignty and legislation. If Allah wants one thing and not another then any person who wishes the contrary does so in defiance

of Allah. He states in the Qur'an:
"The Rule is for none but Allah" [Surah Yusuf 12: 67] [13]
The Islamic belief is therefore a system of normative values, which act as criteria for identifying the major societal objectives, evaluating institutions and justifying the claims of legitimacy. It justifies political power as well as the use of force and the right to obedience. [14]
Islam rejects the idea that philosophers are endowed with a perfect mind, or that they can be entrusted with legislation and management of social affairs in contrast to Plato's belief of the philosopher-ruler. Instead it recognizes a RasulAllah (PBUH) who mediates between the Creator and His Creation conveying and explaining His Message.The RasulAllah (PBUH) does not have any legislative authority or command of obedience, except in his position as a RasulAllah (PBUH) of the ultimate Authority. [15] Islam also rejects the positivists approach to authority, which sees legislative authority as detached from any normative values. Unlike the Positivists, Islam does not view law as being detached from the aims of society. It does not see how a society or a state can be defined without reference to its aims. [16]
As far as Muslims are concerned Allah and the RasulAllah (PBUH) are the only authorities that count i.e. they are the authoritative in Islam. The directives of Allah for the Muslim are contained in the text of the Qur'an and hence to understand the Divine will, it is a matter of interpreting this text. The Sunnah, which constitutes the sum total of the statements, actions and approvals of the RasulAllah (PBUH) Muhammad is an additional source of guidance. Since there have been numerous attempts to forge elements of the Sunnah, a matter not possible with the Qur'an, an elaborate discipline of authentication and verification has developed around the Sunnah, whose collected text is known as Hadith.The verification of the authenticity of a Hadith determines its degree of authority.

The Muslims' Quest for Political Authority

To understand the nature of political authority that Muslim political organisations now seek to establish, it is necessary to appreciate how legitimate political authority is derived in Islam and how this was implemented in the RasulAllah (PBUH)ic and subsequent periods.This does not mean however that one can surmise the reality of Islamic political doctrine from studying Islamic history in different eras, as only the earliest period is considered to be a source of emulation from a legislative point of view. A common pitfall that many critics of political Islam fall into is to ignore the fact that the practices of the rulers in different eras of Islamic history and the Islamic doctrine itself are two separate matters. The former may concur with the latter, or it may be divergent from it, as history testifies. [17]
Since the RasulAllah (PBUH) was the primary human agent in explaining the Qur'an and demonstrating how to practically submit to the authority of God, it would be difficult to argue that he was not regarded as a source of normative practice. The Qur'an itself explicitly adds credence to that concept repeatedly enjoining the Muslims to obey the RasulAllah (PBUH) and emulate his actions:
"He who obeys the RasulAllah (PBUH) obeys God." [18]

The RasulAllah (PBUH)'s Quest for Authority

The RasulAllah (PBUH) Muhammad being 'an authority' was not an issue of contention as far as the Muslims were concerned. The RasulAllah (PBUH) however was very clear from the outset of his mission that he had to be 'in authority' i.e. in political authority to be effective with his mission of implementing Islam as an ideology. It is interesting to observe the targeted nature of his call, from the early days, at the then existing political authority. RasulAllah (PBUH) Muhammad recited verses of the Qur'an that publicly challenged the political authority of the Quraysh, the leading tribe of Arabia in which the RasulAllah (PBUH) was born. [19] This could be understood as undermining the existing political authority in an attempt to create a new axis of authority by changing the public opinion.The physical torture, boycott and various other forms of torment the Muslims suffered in Mecca (Makkah) could be seen as an indication of the effectiveness of the RasulAllah (PBUH)'s campaign to undermine the authority of the ruling elite, as the leaders of the Quraysh sanctioned all these aggressions.The RasulAllah (PBUH) was born and brought up in Makkah. He spent the first 13 years of his RasulAllah (PBUH)hood in Makkah and subsequently moved to Madinah as his message had a more receptive audience there. To many the Hijra (Migration) of the RasulAllah (PBUH) from Makkah to Madinah, which marks the beginning of the Islamic calendar, was flight from oppression undertaken simply for self-preservation.The circumstances pre- and post-Hijra however indicate that there were political ambitions underlying this period, during which RasulAllah (PBUH) Muhammad was eagerly seeking political authority for his message. [20]
The RasulAllah (PBUH) was active in not only

seeking the acceptance of Islam as a belief system amongst his people but also in seeking the means by which he could accede to political authority. The process of seeking the Nusrah (material support) is well-documented, especially during the last three years of Makkah when the RasulAllah (PBUH) secretly visited the heads of no less than 40 tribes with his Companions. Some offered to give support and authority but stipulated certain conditions in exchange. The RasulAllah (PBUH) however was seeking unconditional authority on his terms, which finally the 'Aws and the Khazraj tribes of Madinah gave to him, leading to the Hijra. [21]

The RasulAllah (PBUH) in Authority

The era ushered in by the arrival of the RasulAllah (PBUH) to Madinah, not as a fugitive, but as the head of the new Islamic state, brought into reality the aspirations of the RasulAllah (PBUH) and the Muslims. The next ten years until the death of the RasulAllah (PBUH) saw the expansion of the Islamic political authority. The RasulAllah (PBUH) Muhammad demonstrated his political acumen by leading the state through many battles and peaceful missions in order to extend his vision in the region. Despite having uncontested political authority, the RasulAllah (PBUH)'s decade of state administration was not an iron-fisted approach, but rather consultation (Shura) of a variety of people of Madinah. On technical matters, he would consult those with expertise; he would consult the general public on issues that affected the wider society in which there were no particular restrictions from the Shari'ah. [22] This was in accordance with the instructions of God as mentioned in the Qur'an:

"And do consult them in the matter, and if you decide (on an action/ on an opinion) put your trust in Allah." (Surah Aal-Imran 3:159)

Before the battle of Uhud for instance, the RasulAllah (PBUH) demonstrated his commitment to consultation of the public by following the majority opinion and encamping outside Madinah, even though he thought it would better to mount a defence from inside Madinah.

Authority after the RasulAllah (PBUH)

It was well understood amongst the Muslim community (Ummah) of Madinah that it was their divinely ordained right to appoint whom they wished after the RasulAllah (PBUH) to look after their affairs according to Islam. Upon the death of the RasulAllah (PBUH), despite being in a state of shock due to his loss, the Ummah of Madinah wasted no time in appointing a political leader to manage their affairs. The RasulAllah (PBUH) did not explicitly choose his successor leaving it up to the community to do so. Eventually this point of succession is however contentious and has lead to the Sunni/Shi'a divide. [23] The Muslims naturally differed in their view as to who was most suitable to become their leader and have political authority over them. Issues ranging from their piety, tribal background (including the family of the RasulAllah (PBUH)), political judgement, personality etc, were all considered in their assessment of suitability of a candidate. Obviously certain criteria took precedence over others, hence intense debate followed. [24] To the people however, only their popular consent could mandate someone as head of state.

Immediately after the death of the RasulAllah (PBUH), a group of the Ummah known as the ahl-al hall wal aqd (people of influence/power) who represented the various people of the community, debated intensely in the court of the Banu Saa'idah whom to appoint as their leader.The Bay'ah (the pledge of allegiance) the only method to legitimately choose the Khaleefah - was given to Abu Bakr after much deliberation and he thus became the first of the Rashideen (Rightly-Guided) Khulafa'a. The Bay'ah is a contractual process and like all contracts it can be broken, if the ruler violates the contractual conditions the people stipulate this will warrant his dismissal from office. The Ummah appointed Abu Bakr as a successor to the political authority of the RasulAllah (PBUH). His appointment was conditional upon the implementation of the Shari'ah according to the Qur'an and the RasulAllah (PBUH)ic Sunnah and his own ijtihad (derivation of legislation from the primary sources of Islam). [25]

On his deathbed, the people of Madinah requested that Abu Bakr appoint his successor .They were happy with his leadership and indicated that they would be happy with his choice of successor. Abu Bakr initially declined to do this, saying that it was a matter for the people to choose his successor and not his right. After being pressed, he nominated Umar ibn Al-Khattab as his successor. After the death of Abu Bakr , Umar ibn Al-Khattab had to receive the Bay'ah from the Ummah, despite being nominated by his predecessor, as the nomination was itself not binding.This indicates that it was well understood at that time that it was the right of the Ummah to appoint someone into political authority and that the Bay'ah was the sole legitimate method for such an appointment.This procedural element continued with the third and fourth Khulafa'a Rashideen. [26] The fact that most of the Companions were held in high esteem in the community at large did not

absolve them of accountability to the Ummah. The Ummah understood political accountability as an integral part of the wider Islamic duty of 'al-amr bil ma'ruf wal nahy an al-munkar' (commanding the right and forbidding the wrong).Accountability was a part of the tenure of each of the Khulafa'a Rashideen and they responded to it positively. This was demonstrated by Khaleefah Umar 's response to a man in the audience who took out his sword and told Umar that he would correct him with it if he (Umar) went astray in his office of power. Umar responded by saying: "Praise be to Allah, there are men in the nation who would put me right if I go astray." [27]

After the Khulafa'a Rashideen, the Muslims saw the advent of the Umayyad Khaleefahate, whose founder was Mu'awiyah. The Umayyad Khaleefahate was characterised by the introduction of the alien concept (bid'ah) of inherited ruling into Islamic political culture and changed the Islamic State into something like a kingdom. This made the pre-requisite of Bay'ah for legitimacy of authority almost nominal and the practice became a formality in the eyes of most people. [28] They tried to treat their rule as if it was a divine right bestowed upon them, rather than the right of the Ummah to choose their rulers. This was in contrast to the earlier Khulafa'a who saw themselves as 'Khaleefah of the RasulAllah (PBUH)' meaning a successor to the RasulAllah (PBUH) only in his political role by the choice of the people. The erosion of this right of the Ummah to freely appoint the political authority did not necessarily mean that they neglected their duty to account their rulers.This is indicated by the Umayyads constant need to justify their practices according to the RasulAllah (PBUH)ic Sunnah. [29]

The Separation of the Authoritative and the Authoritarian in Early Islam

From the time of the RasulAllah (PBUH) to the end of the Khulafa'a Rashideen the 'persuasive authority' (in light of textual evidence) and 'coercive authority' (in the sense of state enforcement capabilities) were one. Each of the Khulafa'a was competent to give legal opinions (as scholars of jurisprudence) with regards to issues pertaining to all aspects of life. However, they did not attempt to adopt legal opinions for every issue and enforce them on the public. In particular, issues pertaining to personal worships were left for individuals to find their own 'persuasive authority'. They would adopt and enforce their opinion in issues that were imperative for the smooth running of the state and had to be obeyed with the understanding of the Shari'ah principle: "The order of the ruler settles the difference." [30]

The Umayyads attempted to combine juristic interpretation and ruling as their sole right, claiming this was the practice of the Khulafa'a Rashideen. However, towards the latter part of the Umayyad period, the jurists asserted clearly that interpretative authority of the Islamic legal texts was not the sole right of the ruler.The legal schools of thought (madhahib) were formulated and new vigour for interpretation and ijtihad was found based on the legal schools' foundations (usul). [31]

This continued into the era of the Abbasid Khaleefahate, where there was a clear distinction between the 'coercive authority' of the Khulafa'a and their need for the 'persuasive authority' of the scholars. As a result there was some degree of accounting from the 'an authority' of the 'in authority'. The Khulafa'a patronised some scholars for legitimacy and other prominent scholars were occasionally imprisoned for their opposition and refusal to take offices offered by the Khulafa'a. [32]

The Ulema (Scholars) were increasingly seen as the guardians of the original message of the Qur'an and RasulAllah's (PBUH) Sunnah and this was solidified in the minds of the Ummah with the expansion and development of Islamic jurisprudence. The constant referencing to the 'combined text' of the Qur'an and Hadith lead to an increase in the corpus of Islamic law (fiqh).The development of principles of Ijma' (consensus) and Qiyas (analogical deductions in reference to the Text) further aided the jurists to deal with increasingly complex issues, including those of governance. [33]

While the scholars were respectful of the Khulafa'a and preached obedience, they were clear that the law was their province and it was theoretically binding on the Khulafa'a and their subjects. [34]

The scholars enjoyed a significant degree of independence in expressing opinions as long as they could back it up from authoritative sources. This is in stark contrast with the European experience of the past, where the Christians subjected the law of the Church to the whims of the ruler by endowing the king with a divine right over the people. The clergy was given the monopoly to interpret the divine law for the king. This lead to various excesses from both king and Church, such as issuing 'pardon cheques', excommunicating opponents, and burdensome taxes on the general public. This 'partnership of authority' in history is seen as the evidence of the tendency to authoritarianism of religious politics. [35]

Accountability in the Islamic Political System

Muslims generally accept that the common political

function of looking after people's affairs is the responsibility of the Ummah, because the Qur'an addresses the Ummah at large, not the ruler. However, because the Ummah cannot act as one individual, it has to delegate its authority to one individual, the ruler, who is still theoretically subordinate to the Ummah. The original right to rule therefore is that of the Ummah, and the ruler is an executive agent. [36]

The scholars of Islam, who are legal experts, understood that the obedience to any ruler commanded in the Qur'an [37] is conditional upon those rulers being subservient to the sovereignty of the Shari'ah (The Qur'an and the Sunnah) and any disputes with such rulers should be judged according to the Shari'ah. Hence, they made it their job to meticulously scrutinise and account the actions of the ruler in terms of congruity to the Shari'ah.Any complaint during the time of the RasulAllah (PBUH)'s ruling and subsequently by the Khulafa'a Rashideen with regards to 'acts of injustice' (Mazlema) perpetrated by the state against the people, which could include the ruler, was investigated. This subsequently developed into the post of Qadi Al-Mazaalim (Judge of the Unjust Acts) during the Abbasid period and he was responsible for looking into complaints of the people against the ruler. [38] This restricts the ruler from abusing his power and prevents authoritarianism.

Indeed, accounting the ruler is seen as one of the noblest activities a Muslim could be engaged in and it falls under the broad category of the duty of 'Commanding the Right and Forbidding the Wrong'. [39] As is stated in the Qur'an:

"Let there arise a group amongst you that call to the Good, commanding the right and forbidding the wrong; those are the successful" (TMQ 3:104) [40]

The RasulAllah (PBUH) has also stated in relation to accounting the ruler: "The best jihad is a word of truth in the presence of an unjust ruler" [41] and also "The Master of Martyrs is Hamza, and a man who stood up to a tyrant ruler to advise him and was killed." [42]

These Hadith of the RasulAllah (PBUH) implicitly recognise that rulers are ultimately human and can therefore be unjust, despite being chosen for the best of their qualities. But injustice on behalf of the ruler does not absolve the Muslim of the duty of accounting the ruler, whether as an individual or collectively in political parties. The Qur'anic verse mentioned above indicates the formation of such political parties as an additional mechanism of accounting the ruler.

Accountability without Democracy

It is a prominent view that accountability and true 'people authority' cannot be established without the democratic framework. Democracy espouses secularism, which presupposes that there is at least a formal separation of religion and state. It is widely believed that religion does not allow accountability and western history bears testimony to this from the era of the Church's dominance.

In western secular democracies we find that the processes by which the community is involved in their political determinations do not necessarily reflect 'people power'. It is assumed that the government sometimes has to take 'unpopular' decisions as people of authority. If the power of democracy is in accounting its government every 4-5 years, electing or removing her from power by the ballot box, one could argue that is too little and too late. Democratic governments exhibit symptoms of authoritarianism, especially when it comes to issues of national security or foreign policy. Having courts of justice where a case can be brought against the authority is not unique to democracy as we saw earlier in the case of the Islamic court of the Mazaalim, which has the jurisdiction to remove the ruler if he oversteps the boundaries of Shari'ah.

Also, political parties that proscribe to a secular creed are not necessarily the only 'guardian angels' who can ensure accountability of their authorities. Political parties who proscribe to an Islamic creed regardless of their numbers are also fully capable of performing this honourable function of accounting the ruler. Indeed, this is pivotal in the Islamic political system to ensure an authority that is accountable.

Conclusion

To argue that the call to Islamic political authority would constitute suffocation of the right to account authority and the abrogation of 'people power' does not carry weight if reference is made to the Islamic sources and the practices of the RasulAllah (PBUH) and his Companions. All political systems tend towards authoritarianism, as they need to regulate the societies they govern - that is natural. The authoritarian regimes that Muslims face in their lands today are not the legacy of their Islamic past but the bitter aftertaste of the post-colonialism era. Most of these authoritarian regimes are, by their nature, despotic and repressive and rely on the goodwill of their historic masters to maintain the status quo.

The Divine is beyond accounting but He does not extend that status to the humans in authority trying to understand and implement the Divine Will.

The ability to hold the political authority to account in Islam is linked intricately to the independence of the judiciary from the state. Also, if political parties neglect the duty of 'commanding the right and forbidding the wrong' in modern political terms, this can lead to authoritarianism. The Muslims can

examine their own rich legal history, rather than refer to others with conflicting values, to find ways to establish authorities that are accountable.

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Agent Rulers and their Thugs are still keeping Member of Hizb ut-Tahrir in Detention

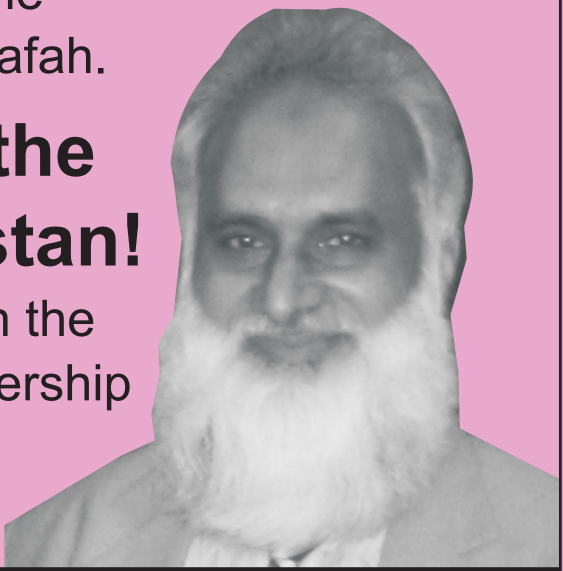
On the night of 27th July the thugs of government kidnaped famous dental surgeon of Rahim Yar Khan Dr. Abdul Qayum, when he was going to a bakery along with his daughter, on the marriage ceremony of his son.

What is “so called” crime of this elderly Member?

- Exposing the treachery of Pakistan rulers, who are collaborating with America in her crusade against the Muslims.
- Calling the Muslim Ummah for the immediate establishment of Khilafah.

Oh sincere officers in the Armed Forces of Pakistan!

Stand up and remove the traitors in the cadres of military and political leadership and give Nussrah to Hizb ut-Tahrir for the establishment of Khilafah.



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